

# Archibald News

Archibald Primary School – “Believe and Achieve”

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“Believe and Achieve.” “Věř a Dosáhnut” “Uwierz i osiągnij” “Crede și atinge” “انجازوايمان” “相信与实现”



## Every School Day Counts

**Our attendance target is 96%.**

School attendance for last week, the first full week this half term was 92.6% ☺

**Attendance for the Autumn Term to date is 92%. ☺**

## Roary's Attendance Challenge

**100% Attendance**

Class Winners wb 7.9.20

**EYFS – Class 1** with 90% of pupils with 100% attendance.

**KS1 – Class 5** with 93% of pupils with 100% attendance.

**KS2 – Classes 10 & 16** each with 100% of pupils with 100% attendance – Well done ☺

**All pupils with 100% Attendance continue to be in the Roary Club.**

## Happy Birthday Roald Dahl

Roald Dahl is one of our school's favourite authors. Last Friday we had our first dress up day of the school year to celebrate what would have been Roald Dahl's 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday – he would have been nearly as old as our school!

It was great to see so many children dressed up as characters from Roald Dahl books, or wearing yellow which was Roald Dahl's favourite colour.



A big thank you to all the parents, carers and children who supported this event.

## Restricted Access to School Buildings

Please be aware that in order to help keep children safe, parents and carers are not allowed to enter the school building unless invited in - for example for a socially distanced meeting with a member of staff or visiting professional.

This means that if your child forgets to bring something to school, for example their packed lunch or water bottle, that parents and carers will be unable to bring them into school. If a child has forgotten a packed lunch, they will be provided with a school lunch for that day, and if they have no water bottle, we will make water available in a plastic cup for the day.

Archibald Primary School Safeguarding Leads: Mrs E Verheyen , Mrs S Walker, Mrs A Jefferies



## Diary Dates

### THIS WEEK

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September**

Use Kind and Caring Words Week

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

**ECO SHOP OPEN** 2.30pm

### COMING SOON

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October NEW**

Harvest donations for Middlesbrough Foodbank (until Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October)

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**

School closes for half term holiday

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October**

Deadline for secondary school application forms and online applications (see right)

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

School reopens for Autumn Term 2

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November**

Digital Remembrance Assembly

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

BBC Children in Need Day – Details to follow

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

Provisional date for Y6 Peat Rigg Residential originally planned for Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March. All pupils with a place on the original visit will be able to attend.

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December**

Flu Immunisation Day – Details to follow

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

Christingle Assembly

Christmas Party Day

End of Autumn Term – School closes for Christmas Holiday

*Please be aware that as we are currently still in times of a worldwide pandemic it is very difficult to give confirmed dates of events too far in the future. Therefore, please be aware that these dates and times are provisional and are subject to change.*

## Updated Behaviour Policy

In line with all schools throughout England we have made an addendum to our School Behaviour Policy in light of the COVID Pandemic. You can see the full policy and the addendum on the policies page of our school website. Click [HERE](#) to access the appropriate website page.

## Transfer to Secondary School

Parents of all Y6 pupils will soon be receiving an application pack to apply for their child's place at secondary school.

These packs are being posted out to parents by Middlesbrough Council.

If you have recently changed address and not notified the school can you please do so immediately so we can pass on this information to Middlesbrough Council. If you need support in completing the form or understanding the process, please contact school and ask to speak to Miss Smith who will be able to support you.

Please be aware that you must complete the necessary form either online or on paper and send it to the council. Failure to do so could result in your child not receiving a secondary school place, or not receiving a place at your school of choice.

### Timetable for secondary school admissions, September 2021 intake

11 September 2020	Letters sent to parents with application form and online details
31 October 2020	Closing date for return of forms or online applications
November 2020 to February 2021	Preferences considered
1 March 2021	Emails and/or letters to parents confirming outcome of application
May/June 2021	Appeals as required

For further information, please refer to the Middlesbrough Council website – click [HERE](#)

## Important Safeguarding Update

We have been asked by VEMT (Vulnerable, Exploited, Missing, Trafficked) professionals to draw parents/carers attentions to the following:-

### Urgent Alert Cannabis edibles – Snapchat

There have been several reports made to Middlesbrough VEMT from Police Complex Exploitation Teams regarding sale of THC soaked (the active ingredient in Cannabis) edibles through Snapchat accounts in the local Middlesbrough area.

These products have been sold in branded sweets packaging, NERD cable/ropes being mentioned directly.

The sales have been made to Middlesbrough children who have been hospitalised from eating them due to their high potency.

As they look exactly like real sweet product they offer even greater risk to children.

Please feel free to contact school if you are concerned about this.

Contact the school (01642 804101) press 2 for the PSA Mrs Walker, or leave a message with the receptionist if Mrs Walker is not available. See the end of the newsletter for further E-Safety information.

## Start and End of the School Day

Year Group	Drop Off	Pick Up	School Entry and drop off/pick up zone
Preschool am	8.40am	11.00pm	Enter through KS1 playground from Heywood St. Drop off/Pick up at Pre-school gate
Preschool pm	12.00	2.20pm	Enter through KS1 playground from Heywood St. Drop off/Pick up at Pre-school gate
Nursery am	8.30am	11.15pm	Enter through KS1 playground from Heywood St. Drop off/Pick up at Nursery gate
Nursery pm	12.15pm	3.00pm	Enter through KS1 playground from Heywood St. Drop off/Pick up at Nursery gate
Reception	8.30am	2.30pm	Enter by Ayresome Green Lane gates then through KS2 playground. Drop off/Pick up at Reception gate
Y1	8.35am	2.35pm	Enter through KS1 playground from Heywood St. Drop off/Pick up at shelters in playground
Y2	8.40am	2.40pm	Enter by Ayresome Green Lane gates then through KS2 playground. Drop off/Pick up at link corridor doors.
Y3	8.55am	2.55pm	Enter through KS1 playground from Heywood St. Drop off/Pick up at shelters in playground
Y4	9.00am	3.00pm	Enter by Ayresome Green Lane gates then through KS2 playground. Drop off/Pick up at link corridor doors
Y5	8.50am	2.50pm	Enter through KS1 playground from Heywood St. Drop off area is outside the dining room entrance. Pick up at Barnaby Avenue exit. Parents and carers please wait outside the gates. Children will be walked to the gates by their teachers.
Y6	8.45am	3.00pm	Enter by Ayresome Green Lane gates then through KS2 playground. Drop off at Y6 entrance nr climbing frame. Pick up at Barnaby Avenue exit. Parents and carers please wait outside the gates. Children will be walked to the gates by their teachers.

Staff will be available at the gates at the start and end of school to assist you if you need help.

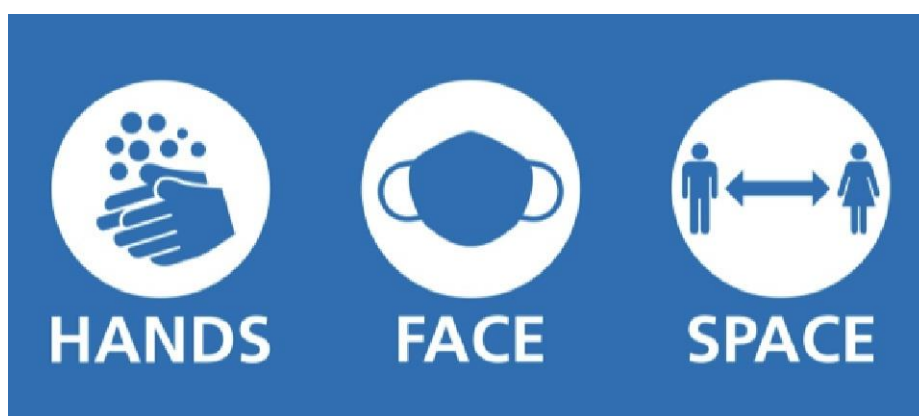
In order to help keep children, parents/carers and staff safe, and to help reduce the risk of a local lockdown in Middlesbrough, the use of face masks by adults on the school site is recommended.

In order to help ensure social distancing on our site, only one adult per family will be allowed onto the school site. We have markings on the floor to help with social distancing.

If you have children in more than one year group please come for the earlier time. You will be free to wait on the school site, observing social distancing with your children until the later start times.

For their own safety, please keep your children with you and do not allow them to run around in the playgrounds, or run up the exit path to wait for you at the gate.

Thank you for your cooperation.



## Important COVID-19 Information from Middlesbrough Council

It is vitally important that no one displaying symptoms of Covid attends school or nursery.

If your child or anyone in your household is showing ANY of the symptoms of Covid, all members of the household need to isolate immediately and the person with symptoms should have a Covid test.

The symptoms of Covid are:

- A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature);
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual);
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

If your child develops any of these symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home and arrangements should be made for them to be tested.

All members of the household must also isolate until the result of the test is back. Please alert your child's school if you have taken them for a test (and only access a COVID test for individuals if they develop symptoms).

Isolation means you should stay at home. Do not go to work, go out shopping or take your children to school or nursery. You will need to make arrangements for family or friends to help out. You should not socialise or have any visitors to your home.

If the test of the person with symptoms is negative, then no-one needs to isolate and the child should return to school or nursery once they feel well.

If the test of the person with symptoms is positive then the person who has tested positive for Covid must isolate for 10 days and everyone else in the house must isolate for 14 days. Parents/carers should make schools/educational settings and workplaces aware of any positive test.

Testing is available locally. Anyone with any of the coronavirus symptoms is advised to book a test online [www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test](http://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test) or by calling 119.

For further information about Covid, please call 111 or go to [www.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

### Home to School transport

If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, including Covid-19 symptoms, and they receive designated Home to School transport from the Council please contact the transport team as soon as possible. They will ask the transport provider not to attempt to pick up your child. To resume transport, contact the team and they can resume arrangements for the next school day. Tel: 01642 353447.

## HOME LEARNING

If your child is unable to attend school because they have tested positive for COVID19, or are self isolating as there has been a positive test in their household, they should start to engage with home learning as soon as they are well enough to do so

Home learning activities will be available on our school website (click on the Home Learning tab, and class teachers will also be in regular contact through the SeeSaw app.

Please be aware that Home Learning activities will be a combination of online activities, lessons delivered online through the Oak national Academy, and follow up activities which may be more paper based. Pupils will be expected to share their learning with their teachers using the seesaw app and receive feedback from them.

Many pupils already use the See Saw app in school to share learning with their teachers and it was used successfully by many families during lockdown period. Teachers will be working with children in school to teach them how to use the app and it will also be used to share homework activities.

The best devices to access home learning are ipads, tables, laptops and home computers. Mobile phones can be used but are not ideal. If you do not have appropriate devices, or enough devices at home for your child/ren to access home learning in the event that they can not attend school **please let us know now** as we may be able to provide devices for you should you need them.



TikTok is a video-sharing social media app available on iOS and Android which lets users create, share, and view user created videos in a similar manner to Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat. It's main draw, however, is that users can record and upload bite-sized looping videos of themselves lip-syncing and dancing to popular music or soundbites, often for comedic effect, which can then be further enhanced with filters, emojis and stickers. TikTok has been designed with the young user in mind and has a very addictive appeal. At the beginning of 2019 it skyrocketed in popularity to become the iOS store's most downloaded app with over 33 million downloads. Estimates suggest that it now has anything between 500 million and over 1 billion monthly active users worldwide.

**AGE RESTRICTION**  
**12+**  
If under 18, supervision of parent or legal guardian required.



What parents need to know about

# TIKTOK



## MATURE CONTENT

On the iOS store, TikTok is listed as 12+. On the Google Play Store it is rated as 'Parental guidance recommended'. When signing up for the app, it's possible to lie about your age without any form of verification. As children scroll through their feed, most of the videos they're likely to come across are lighthearted or funny takes on dance routines which are designed to make people laugh. However there has been a slew of videos which have been reported for featuring drug and alcohol abuse, self-harm and sexual content, including young teens dressing overtly sexually and behaving suggestively. Given the deluge of material uploaded to TikTok every day, it's impossible to moderate everything and it can be quite common to come across explicit content on the 'for you' feed when logging into the platform.

## INAPPROPRIATE MUSIC

TikTok revolves around creating music videos through lip-syncing and dancing, inevitably, some of the music featured by users will contain explicit or suggestive lyrics. Given the undeniably young user base, there is a risk that children may look to imitate the explicit language they hear or the suggestive actions they see when viewing other user's videos on the app.

## TIKTOK FAME

TikTok is very image focused and there is a notable preoccupation with appearing cool and attractive. Many teenagers now attempt to go viral and become what's known in-app as 'TikTok famous'. TikTok (and its predecessor Musical.ly) has spawned its own celebrities - social media stars Loren Gray and Jacob Sartorius have been catapulted to fame through their initial exposure on the app. Obviously, most budding influencers looking to become the next big thing will be disappointed, but this may have the knock-on effect of making them go to more and more drastic lengths to get noticed.

## ONLINE PREDATORS

As a social network, TikTok makes it easy to connect with other users. This includes the ability to comment on and react to other user's videos, follow their profile and download their content. Be aware that by default, any user can comment on your child's video if their account is set to public. Most interactions are harmless enough but as an app, TikTok is prone to predators because of the abundance of younger users.

## ADDICTIVE NATURE

Social media is designed to be addictive and TikTok is no different. It can be fun and hugely entertaining. However, it is also because of this that it can be hard to put down. In addition to the short, punchy nature of the looping video format, the app's ability to keep you guessing what will come on screen next makes it easy to turn a five-minute visit into 45-minute visit.

## IN-APP PURCHASES

Aside from the content, there's also the option to purchase in-app extras called 'TikTok coins'. Prices range from £0.99 for 100 coins to an eye-watering £91.99 for 10,000 coins. TikTok coins are used to purchase different emojis to reward content creators that a user finds funny or entertaining. In the iOS version of the app you can opt into the option to buy TikTok coins but this sadly doesn't seem to be a feature in the Android version.



## Safety Tips For Parents

### TALK ABOUT ONLINE DANGERS

Assuming your child is above the age limit to use the app, make sure you also take the time to talk to them about what they are seeing on the app. Have a dialogue, get them to give you their opinion on what is appropriate and model the correct behaviour for them. Go over why they shouldn't give out private information or identifiable photos and be positive and understanding of them. In the long run, getting them to think critically about what they're seeing goes a long way to keeping them social media savvy.



### USE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Undoubtedly, the easiest way to safeguard your child on TikTok is to make sure their account is set to private. This means only those users your child approves can view, like, and follow their content. Setting the account to private may clash with your child's goal of social media superstardom, but it will keep their account secure from strangers. This setting can be enabled under the privacy and safety menu by pressing the ellipsis in the 'me' tab of the app. To be extra safe, there are additional controls available to toggle such as who can send comments and messages, among other options.



### ENABLE RESTRICTED MODE

In the digital wellbeing section there's the ability to turn on restricted mode using a PIN. Restricted mode filters out content that is not age appropriate although it should be noted that this isn't always 100% fool proof. When enabling restricted mode, parents should still be vigilant to what their child is watching and take note that the algorithm moderating content is not infallible.



### EXPLORE AND LEARN YOURSELF

Understanding and learning the app your self is a great way to get to grips with TikTok. You could then even use the app with your child and watch some videos with them. If you are the parent of a teen, even if it does not make you popular, keep a close eye on what they're viewing and sharing. That said, it's a brilliant chance to turn it into a bonding opportunity with your child also. You could even unleash your inner performer and make videos with them while (more importantly) keeping them safe online.



### LEARN HOW TO REPORT AND BLOCK INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

With the proper privacy settings in place, TikTok can be a safe space for your child to express themselves. However, just in case something does manage to slip through, make sure your child knows how to recognise and report content that isn't appropriate and get them to come to you about what they have seen. TikTok allow users to report offenders and comments within the app. You can also block individual users by going on their profile.



### MODERATE SCREEN TIME

As entertaining as TikTok is, you can help your child moderate their time on the app by making use of the digital wellbeing section. Under the screen time management option, you can limit the daily allotted time allowed on the app in increments ranging from 40 to 120 minutes. You can also lock this preference behind a PIN number which has to be inputted in order to then exceed the daily time limit. This way your child can get their daily dose of memes without wasting away the day.



### Meet our expert

Pete Bath is a writer with over 10+ years in research and analysis. Working within a specialist area for West Yorkshire Police, Pete has contributed work which has been pivotal in successfully winning high profile cases in court as well as writing as a subject matter expert for industry handbooks.



### \*NEW FOR 2020\* FAMILY SAFETY MODE

TikTok Family Safety Mode allows parents to link their own TikTok account to their child's. It's a great way to oversee your child's digital wellbeing by giving you direct control over their safety settings and being able to remotely turn features on and off. This includes managing screen time, the ability to send and receive direct messages (and with whom) and the ability to restrict the appearance of content that might not be age appropriate.



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