



FAMILY NEWSLETTER

15th October 2021



SHORT OF TIME? HERE'S A SUMMARY

Message from Nikki Burroughs, Executive Head - See across. Please have ready a waterproof, named coat to send in with your child for when the weather turns a little damp/colder. Thank you.

Evidence for Learning - A new app is being launched. We will update you with details hopefully next week prior to the October half term holiday.

Cookery Contributions - We rely on a voluntary contribution from families to be able to offer cookery to the pupils. The cost is £7.50 per half term. Payment can be made via School Gateway, cheque made payable to "Devon County Council" or cash via the School Office. Thank you.

Covid-19 Email Address - Please use the covid19@learntolivefederation.co.uk email address to notify the school of test results or Covid-19 related absences. Thank you.

Food Allergies - We politely request that pupils do not bring snacks or lunch box items into school containing Nutella, cereal bars or chocolate bars containing nuts, sesame seed rolls, and peanut butter. Thank you.

Initiative on its way - This is for children over 14 years of age to receive a general health assessment at their own GP surgery. This will introduce them to their Doctor and get them used to visiting their surgery as part of their Preparing for Adulthood transition.

Help with Energy Bills - Info on page 3.

Letters from the Government and DCC - attached.

Half Term and ICT Info - see pages 3 and 4.

MESSAGE FROM NIKKI BURROUGHS, EXECUTIVE HEAD



It was lovely to welcome back the pupils and staff who recently have been asked to remain off school due to Covid-19. Our case numbers have dropped at Bidwell Brook and fingers crossed, this continues.

Thank you for your continued support during these times.



The weather this week has been great - misty mornings but warming up during the day.

I'm not sure how long this pleasant weather will last, so please check that your child has a waterproof, named coat

available to send into school for when the weather does change. We will continue to access our outdoor learning throughout the year as much as possible.

We have one week remaining in school before the October half term holiday, week commencing 25th October 2021. We look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Monday 1st November 2021.

Enjoy the weekend!

DATES 2021

19th / 20th October:	Early Years Parents' Evening
w/c 25th October:	Half term holiday
Monday 1st November:	Pupils return to school
w/c 1st November:	Multi-faith week
Wednesday 17th November:	Tempest Photography <u>provisional</u> visit
Monday 29th November:	Occasional Day (school closed)
Friday 17th December:	Term end





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EVIDENCE FOR LEARNING

All the schools across the Learn to Live Federation are using an online evidence collection system called Evidence for Learning. This system enables us to share our assessment with you electronically so you can see some of the great things your child has been doing at school. These assessments may be photos, videos or written comments.



NEWS

A new app is being launched next week for parents to use on their mobile phones. We'll send you the guide of which app to download etc before the October half term holiday.

COVID-19 EMAIL ADDRESS

We would like to reinstate the use of the specific Covid-19 federation email address. If you have need to contact the school to report a test result or an absence relating to Covid-19, please use the following email address: covid19@learntolivefederation.co.uk

FOOD ALLERGIES

A food allergy is when the body's immune system reacts unusually to specific foods. Although allergic reactions are often mild, they can be very serious. In the most serious cases, a person can have a severe allergic reaction, Anaphylaxis, and this can be life threatening. Foods that most commonly cause an allergic reaction are milk, eggs, peanuts, tree nuts, fish, shellfish and some fruit and vegetables.

Please advise the school if your child has an allergy we need to be aware of.



As a precaution, please can we politely request that pupils do not bring snacks or lunch box items into school containing Nutella, cereal bars or chocolate bars containing nuts,

sesame seed rolls, and peanut butter. Thank you for your assistance.

COOKERY CONTRIBUTION

To be able to cook and bake is a vital life skill and in all our classes, we use cookery to help teach some fundamental basics eg Maths to measure and weight ingredients, English to read recipes and write about how it tastes!

Cooking in class happens across the school from our youngest learners who learn about different colours of foods and their textures, right through to our older students who prepare healthy meals from scratch and learn about basic knife skills, how to handle hot food from the oven etc.

To help us teach cookery to our students, we request families make a cookery contribution each term of £15 (£7.50 per half term).

This is a voluntary contribution and can be paid by the same methods you use to pay for schools meals



(via School Gateway, a cheque made payable to 'Devon County Council' or cash).

Where possible, our learners bring home their cookery efforts and we hope you enjoy them as much as your children have enjoyed creating them!

COMING SOON!

There's an initiative on the horizon for children over 14 years of age to access a general health assessment at the own GP surgery.

The idea is that the child is introduced to their own GP, gains an idea of what visiting a Doctor's surgery is really like and can become used to being in a different surrounding for their medical needs.

This visit to their own surgery will help with their transition from children into young adults when they need to visit their own Doctor for health needs.

More information about this initiative will follow when known.





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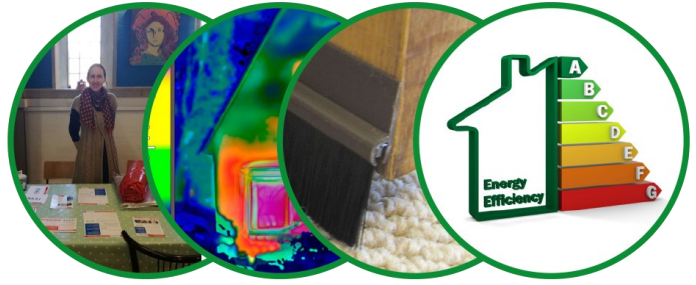


HELP WITH ENERGY BILLS



ECOE and LEAP (Local Energy Advice Partnership) are working in partnership to provide free energy and money saving advice, and free LEAP home visits for those who are eligible (and when it is safe to do so) in Exeter, Mid Devon, East Devon, Teignbridge and Torbay.

Their Home Energy Advisers give practical energy advice and support to the vulnerable and fuel poor; their aim is to help residents save money and stay warm in their homes. They can help with tariff checks and supplier switching as well as applying for the Warm Home Discount. Call 0800 772 3617 or email healthyhomes@ecoe.org.uk for more info.



LETTER FROM THE SECRETARIES OF STATE FOR EDUCATION

Attached is a letter from the Secretaries of State for Education in relation to the vaccination of children aged 12 to 15 years and the importance of continuing with twice-weekly Covid-19 testing and reporting. We appreciate some of our learners are unable to undertake a lateral flow test - this is fine.

LETTER FROM DAWN STABB

Letter attached from Dawn Stabb, Head of Education in Devon County Council and Steve Brown, Director of Public Health Devon. This letter has been sent to all schools across Devon - mainstream and special schools.

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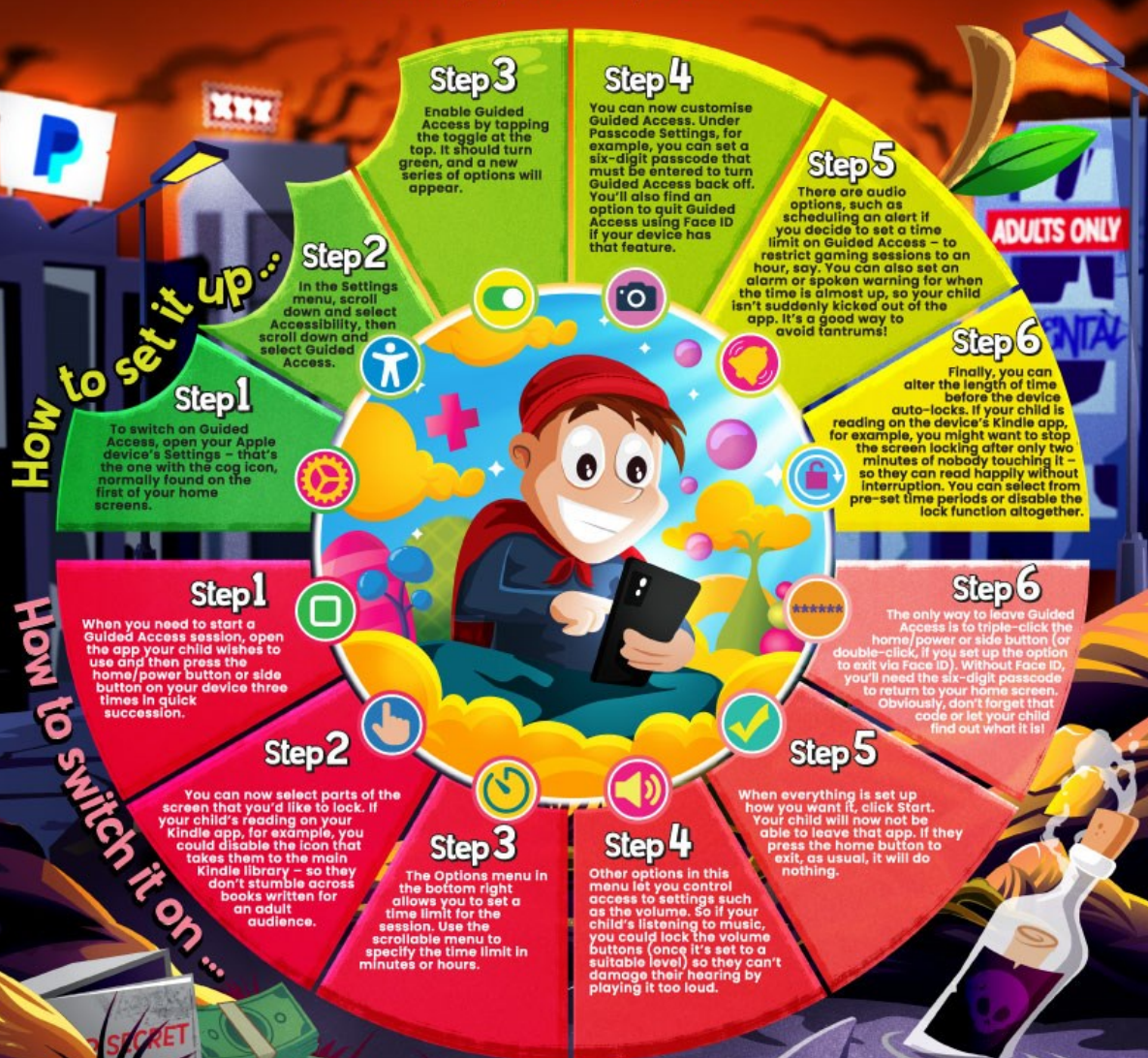
USEFUL INFO FROM OUR ICT TEAM

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents and Carers Need to Know about APPLE GUIDED ACCESS

IPhones and iPads don't offer separate user accounts. So when you hand your Apple device to a child to play a game or watch a video, you're also handing them access to your email, the web, messaging and numerous other apps through which they could accidentally do something regrettable.

Apple Guided Access solves this potential problem by letting you restrict the iPhone or iPad to one particular app whenever your child uses the device. If they try and leave that app, they will be asked for a password or Face ID, meaning they can't access anything they shouldn't elsewhere on the device. Here, we show you how to find and set up the Guided Access feature, so you can confidently let your child borrow your iPhone or iPad.



Meet Our Expert

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