



## Newsletter – 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

### Happy Christmas

Acle Academy staff would like to wish all our families a wonderful Christmas and we hope you enjoy your time together and have a wonderful rest from work and the normal routine. Our students have worked incredibly hard this term and have had some wonderful achievements that we are all so proud of. We hope they have a well-deserved break and enjoy spending time with their families and we look forward to seeing them all again in the New Year.



### The Spirit of Christmas

Thank you so much to all our families who have donated for our Spirit of Christmas Food bank appeal. We have received a tremendous response which is testament to the care and community spirit of our students and families. Students and staff are so proud of what we have all achieved together. Thank you so much.

We are part of...

**WENSUM**TRUST 

## Parking

Please could we politely remind parents about parking outside the school and along South Walsham Road. The First Bus 905 service commissioned by the school cannot park in the bay and load and unload children safely currently with the volume of cars parking just outside the school and in the parking bay. We have had a significant amount of repeated occasions where parents have parked in this space and sometimes refused to move which poses health and safety issues for our children. An accident did occur this week which resulted in a road closure, with the fire brigade and police attending the scene.

During the dark afternoons of winter, visibility is greatly reduced. There are many cars parked along South Walsham Road and our students leave school in dark coats and are not always the most observant. We know that cars travel at high speed from South Walsham and do not always slow down quickly enough as they pass the school and enter the village. Please can we ask all parents to park in the capacious car park behind the Methodist church which is only a short walk from the school. We request you do not drive on to the school site to drop your child in the mornings and afternoons when school ends. If we can all be mindful as a school community we can help keep our children safe.

## Learning & Achievement



Well done to Kady D in year eight for completing the 'Oracy October Challenge' and being chosen as the winner of a £10 Amazon voucher. Students taking part in the challenge made the effort to 'Speak like a Specialist' in a range of subjects across the curriculum.



## Hippodrome Rewards Trip

This year's rewards trip went to the Hippodrome circus in Great Yarmouth. Students were selected for a variety of reasons, including, progress made, attitude to learning, and nominations linked to our school values; Respect, Aspiration and Determination. It was a lovely trip out, with all students being immaculately behaved and such a delight to go with. We enjoyed the comedy, magic, singing and dancing, we all left feeling very Christmassy! Students should be really proud of their achievements and hard work from last term! Have a lovely Christmas! Mrs Skarin





## Enrichment

### U14 Girls Rugby Tournament at Norwich Rugby Club - Friday 11th November

It was a cold start to the day with the girls getting nice and muddy in their tackling and rucking skills workshops. The girls spent the morning on a carousel of activities to develop their skills for the tournament after lunch. The girls really enjoyed these and allowed them to build their confidence in all aspects of the game. In the afternoon we played three matches against Notre Dame, Wymondham High and Cromer. The girls displayed some fantastic teamwork and communication skills. We didn't keep scores as it was a friendly tournament but it was a fantastic experience for the girls to get some match play under their belts.



### Year 8 Netball Fixture VS Cliff Park - Wednesday 16th November

The Year 8 Netball team took on Cliff Park in their final game of 2022. Despite a very brief warm-up the girls were raring to get started when the first whistle went. Some fantastic movement and passing up the court by Esme and Rosie meant that by half time the girls had secured 3 goals. As the match went on both teams really found their groove and battled continuously to get the ball into their attacking thirds. The final whistle went with Cliff Park scoring 13 goals and Acle only 6. It was a great game with some fantastic Netball on display, well done!



## Creative Industries

Students in Textiles have been busy this term making a range of products. The Year 8's have made some fantastic 'Day of the Dead' inspired products.



In Year 9, students have experimented with a range of decorative techniques including batik, stencilling, transfer printing and block printing. Students used these techniques to make a cushion inspired by their chosen culture. Superb results!





## Birmingham Christmas Market

On Friday December 9<sup>th</sup> we took a group of Year 10 and 11 students to the Birmingham Christmas Markets. These are the biggest German Christmas markets outside of Germany. It was a long day, with time to shop in the Bullring shopping centre in the morning, followed by a couple of hours around the Christmas markets in the afternoon. There was a very Christmassy atmosphere, especially after it started to get dark and all the Christmas Market lights came on. We had a great time and, although tired by the end of the day, the students still found some energy to sing most of the way home!



## Signs and Symptoms of Scarlet Fever

Parents and carers and school staff should look out for early symptoms of scarlet fever in children which include sore throats, headaches, fever, nausea and vomiting.

After 12 to 48 hours the characteristic red, pinhead rash develops, typically first appearing on the chest and stomach and then rapidly spreading to other parts of the body giving the skin a sandpaper-like texture. The scarlet rash may be harder to spot on darker skin, although the 'sandpaper' feel should be present. Children will also typically have flushed cheeks and pallor around the mouth, which may be accompanied by a 'strawberry tongue'.

Parents should contact NHS 111 online, or call NHS 111 or their GP if they suspect their child has scarlet fever, because early treatment with antibiotics is important to reduce the risk of complications, such as pneumonia or a bloodstream infection.


## Infection control advice

GAS (Group A Streptococcus) is spread by close contact with an infected person and can be passed on through coughs and sneezes or from a wound. Children should be encouraged to wash their hands properly with soap and warm water for 20 seconds, using a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes, and keeping away from others when feeling unwell, they will be able to reduce the risk of picking up, or spreading, infections.

Any children with suspected scarlet fever should stay at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others.






These resources may be also helpful:

- [NHS information about Scarlet Fever](#)
- [NHS information called, Is my child too ill for school?](#)
- [The UKHSA Group A Strep What You Need to Know blog](#)
- [UKHSA guidance on Scarlet Fever symptoms, diagnosis and treatment](#)



# Lightning Learning: Scarlet Fever

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For Emergency Medicine Education

## STOP!

There are on average 1-2K cases of scarlet fever every winter in the UK. Children between 4-8 years are amongst the most affected.

It is caused by *Streptococcus pyogenes* (Group A). The invasive bacteria can spread causing:

- 1) **Peritonsillar abscess**
- 2) **Septicæmia**
- 3) **Meningitis**
- 4) **Pneumonia**
- 5) **Osteomyelitis**

Post-streptococcal complications also include...

- 6) **Rheumatic fever**
- 7) **Glomerulonephritis**

Peak occurrence is seasonal from December to April annually.

## LOOK

1) **24-hour prodrome**: Sore throat, fever, headache, muscle ache, tummy ache, nausea & vomiting.

Followed by...

2) **Skin signs**

**Red, generalised, pinhead rash** spreading from the trunk, with a sandpaper-like texture which in the flexures causes "Pastia's lines."

3) **Oropharyngeal signs**

**White coating or Strawberry tongue** including flushed cheeks, perioral pallor, inflamed tonsils +/- exudate.

## LEARN

**What Next?**

- ✓ Consider throat swab
- ✓ Prescribe antibiotic without delay (10 day course Pen V or macrolide)
- ✓ Advise on skin care (rest, fluids, hygiene, paracetamol)
- ✓ Advise exclusion from nursery, school, work for at least 24 hours
- ✓ Notify public health England

**Further Reading**

**Scarlet Fever (DFBTB)**  
<http://bit.ly/7ZW03btl>

**Quick Tip: Scarlet Fever module (BMJ)**  
<http://bit.ly/7Z6Gxvde>

**Managing Scarlet Fever (BMJ)**  
<http://bit.ly/7Z6dA34>

**Scarlet fever: Guidance and Data (COVUK)**  
<http://bit.ly/7Z8bU7Z>

**Scarlet Fever scenario (NICE)**  
<http://bit.ly/7Z6aP3cr>

Information Sheet Link







Norfolk County Council

# Help with living costs

You may be struggling with living costs for a range of reasons. This leaflet tells you what support is available and how to get advice. You can also find this information on our website [www.norfolk.gov.uk/costofliving](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/costofliving)

If you don't have access to the internet at home, you can go online at any of our Norfolk libraries.

**You can access information on 'Help with Living Costs' [Here](#)**





### How we've worked with primary schools this term...

**Hate Crime Awareness Week 2022:** We delivered some online sessions about hate crime for pupils in year 5. We explained that offences committed because of a person's 'protected characteristics' may constitute hate incidents or hate crimes. We talked about the impact of hate crime on victims and children had the chance to ask one of our Safer Schools Police Officers questions related to the subject. The sessions were attended by 1760 year 5 pupils from a number of Norfolk schools.

**Crucial Crew:** We attended all Crucial Crew events between September and November and spoke to 1725 year 6 pupils about staying safe online. 81.3% of these children had devices that can access the internet. Gaming continues to be the thing that young people of this age do the most online, with 70% saying they are regular gamers. Instagram is falling out of favour with only 14% saying they use it regularly. Tik Tok continues to be popular and 54% of young people said they use it regularly.

**Say No, Don't Go:** We have started delivering a session called "Say No, Don't Go" in a selection of primary schools as part of our Safer Schools Pilot. The session is about County Lines and is for year 6 pupils. It has been well-received and has highlighted that this issue needs to be discussed early in order to raise young people's awareness of the risks of County Lines involvement.

### How we've worked with secondary schools this term...

**Key Messages:** Our Key Message presentations continue to be popular in secondary schools. Our Safer Schools Support Workers have got stuck in delivering these across the county. So far, the stats look like this:

- Year 7 Internet Safety – 2002 young people reached.
- Year 8 – County Lines and Knife Crime – 2430 young people reached.
- Year 9 – Grooming – 2312 young people reached.
- Year 10 – Abuse in Relationships – 1685 young people reached.

**Virtual Work Experience:** We are running our Virtual Work Experience programme during the weeks 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023 and 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023. These are for students in year 12. Students can access the application form [here](#).

## Safer Schools Newsletter

### Autumn Term 2022

Hi everyone! Here's an update on what we've been up to in the Safer Schools and Youth Engagement Teams this Autumn Term 2022.

If you have any comments or questions about the newsletter, please email [sspteam@norfolk.pnn.police.uk](mailto:sspteam@norfolk.pnn.police.uk)  
Norfolk Constabulary Safer Schools Team

*Remember, safeguarding young people is everyone's responsibility #SaferSchools*

**Norfolk Police**  
Non-emergency 101 / Emergency 999

### Other Useful Information

**Oil Theft** – We're aware of an increase in the number of home heating oil thefts over recent weeks. Please ensure your oil tank is locked and out of sight of potential thieves.

**Christmas Presents** – Remember, when purchasing Christmas presents, don't leave them on show in your home or car. Keep them out of sight.


**E-Scooters** – Be aware of the law if you're planning on getting these for your children for Christmas. Unless it is part of a Government-backed scheme (such as Beryl in Norwich, or Ginger in Great Yarmouth) you cannot ride an e-scooter on a public road, cycle lane or pavement. The only place an e-scooter can be used is on private land.

**Mental Health and Wellbeing** If you, or someone you know, are struggling with your mental health, go to [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com) (for 11 – 25 year olds) and [www.qwell.io](http://www.qwell.io) (for those aged 18+) to sign up.


**Online Safety Webinars** – We will be delivering some Online Safety Webinars on Safer Internet Day (February 7<sup>th</sup> 2023) for parents and carers and anyone who looks after children and young people. We will be teaming up with our colleagues in Prevent (Counter Terrorism), Cyber Security and Safeguarding Children Online Team (SCOLT), raising awareness of the risks young people face online and how to mitigate these. Keep an eye on your inbox and our Twitter and Facebook pages for further information.

Visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for information about games, apps and online safety.


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<https://www.norfolk.police.uk/advice/child-protection/safer-schools-partnerships>

**Please find the link to the Autumn Term 2022 Safer Schools Newsletter [Here](#)**

**More Acle Academy News can be found [Here](#)**

**Useful Resources/Activities and links can be found [Here](#)**



Acle Academy PTA is looking for new members and would love to hear from any parents or carers that are interested in supporting. The contribution of your time can be as little or much as you are able to offer. We are particularly looking for a treasurer. The PTA can be contacted via [pta@acle.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:pta@acle.norfolk.sch.uk)



## We are recruiting!

We currently have the following vacancies in our team:

- Lead Invigilator
- Invigilator
- Mid-day Supervisor
- Temporary Teaching Assistant
- Minibus Driver
- IT Technician

If you would like to find out more details about any of these posts, please see our website or contact the school for an informal chat.

[Find Current Vacancies here](#)



Please remember to check ClassCharts for daily updates and messages. ClassCharts is used to communicate house points, behaviour points and interventions. We also use this platform for parent announcements. Parent help guides are available on our school website. If your child has lost their log in, please ask their form tutor or the school office who will be able to provide child and parent login details. Parents and students can view their child's timetable via ClassCharts. Please note you can no longer exchange instant chat messages with teachers or support staff.

## Dates for your diary

16<sup>th</sup> December – School closes at 1pm for Christmas break.

4<sup>th</sup> January – School reopens for students – Week 1 of the timetable

24<sup>th</sup> January – Parent Workshop – Mental Health 6-7pm

26<sup>th</sup> January – Year 9 Parents' Evening 4.30 - 7.30pm

**Our School Calendar can be found [Here](#)**

