

THIS WEEK'S NEWS

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Lateral Flow Tests for Households with Children?

You may have seen in the news that households with school age children are now able to access Lateral Flow Tests – up to two per week per household member.

Primary children are not being tested but adults living with them and members of a support bubble or childcare bubble can.

Regular testing of people without symptoms is important to help stop the virus spreading and protect your loved ones.

How to get a rapid lateral flow test

There are different ways to get a test for members of your child's household, childcare and support bubbles who do not have symptoms of coronavirus.

Members of households, childcare or support bubbles of school staff and pupils

From 1 March 2021, if you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil you can get a twice-weekly test:

1. through your employer if they offer testing to employees
2. at a local test site
3. by collecting a home test kit from a test site
4. by ordering a home test kit



Dear Parents & Carers

Another turbulent term! I must take my hat off to absolutely everybody for another massive effort this term. I know the staff are ready for a very well-earned break and the children will be looking forward to being at home without the pressures of remote learning.

This week my own son's bubble popped, and I was thrust back into the world of juggling remote learning with working from home. Once again, I was put in a position of utter respect for so many families that had to do this for so many weeks on end.

With this in mind, and a desire to avoid us all returning to remote learning, I ask for all to respect the social guidance restrictions that are in still in place.

Over Easter, please ensure that children are supervised in social situations and don't break the rule of six. If you are out and about, try to avoid busy places and wear face masks wherever possible. My worst educational nightmare is that ignoring these rules leads to another spike, and another wave, and another lockdown. I'm sure anyone in the school and wider community that has suffered illness and loss from Covid-19 will join me in begging for restraint to avoid more cases and ultimately more deaths.

Get a test through your employer

Your workplace may offer rapid lateral flow testing to you. Contact your employer to find out more.

Take a test at a rapid lateral flow test site

You can take a rapid lateral flow test at a local site. Testing at these sites is assisted, which means you will swab yourself under the supervision of a trained operator.

You may need to book an appointment.

[Find your nearest rapid lateral flow test site.](#)

Collect test kits

You can collect up to 4 home test kits at a local collection point. Each kit contains 7 tests.

Anyone 18 or over can collect. You can check online if the location is busy before you go.

Order home test kits online

If you cannot get tested at your workplace, or are unable to go to a test site or collect test kits, you can order a home test kit online.

Do not order online if you can get a test through other methods. This frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

[Order rapid lateral flow home test kits](#)

What twice-weekly testing involves

1. take a test twice a week (every 3 or 4 days apart)
2. report every result to NHS Test and Trace on the same day you take the test

[Report your test result online](#) or by calling 119.

My husband and I (once my son has stopped isolating) are looking forward to seeing our own parents. As for many of you, for my husband this will be the first time in over a year since he has seen them in person. We are looking forward to catching up with our friends too, over the next few months. as I'm sure so many of you are. I hope you have a lovely time and lovely weather to enjoy sitting out with them.

Be safe and have a lovely Easter,

Kind regards,

Mrs Ross



Attendance

Attendance is now compulsory. If your child is unable to come to school, please ensure that you let school know using the usual methods.

Class Attendance for WB 22nd March was:

Ladybirds - 97.9%

Butterflies - 100% - Well done Butterflies

1H - 93.9%

1W - 92.3%

2CH - 90.6%

2HW - 88.6%

3B - 90%

3L - 90.7%

4BS - 100% - Welldone 4BS!!!

4K - 96.4%

5M - 92.9%

5S - 88.6%

6D - 98.3%

6HS - 98.2%

Term Dates

TERM 4: 2020/2021

Monday 22nd February 2021 until
Wednesday 31st March 2021

TERM 5: 2020/2021

Monday 19th April 2021 until
Friday 28th May 2021

Monday 3rd May - May Bank Holiday

TERM 6: 2020/2021

Monday 7th June 2021 until
Wednesday 21st July 2021

Blooming Brilliant!

Around the school, signs of Spring are everywhere and the children are enjoying finding them.

However, our Friends of the School plant pots are looking pretty sorry for themselves!



The children have noticed, and Mrs Brocklesby is looking forward to setting up a lunchtime gardening team after Easter to sort them out.

If any families have any seeds or seedlings spare after their spring garden spruce up, we would be so grateful to accept them for our school grounds. Please send them into school with your children and we will quarantine them before planting!

Omegle - A Warning!

We have been alerted to a new, very concerning App that we need parents to be aware of: Omegle.

Omegle offers a free video chat service that will, without creating an account, connect you to a random stranger who can interact with you through text, chat and webcam. There is no safe way to use this website and it is highly likely that users will encounter adult sexual content and risk encountering predatory behaviour. The factsheet below has been created to educate parents on what Omegle is and how to protect children and young people from its use by encouraging the use of internet parental controls in the home. Please note that no primary school child should be accessing it.

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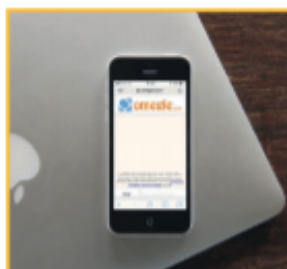
What is Omegle?

Omegle is a free online chat service which pairs random strangers into an online video call or text conversation, without the need to register or create an account. According to Omegle, the service is a great way to meet new friends while staying safe and anonymous, but openly admits that 'predators have been known to use Omegle'.

What does it look like?



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Main Concerns for Parents

Omegle **AGE RESTRICTION 13+**

Omegle is not aimed at children

According to the terms and conditions of Omegle, children below the age of 13 years should not use the service but children between 13 and 18 years old can use the site if they ask for permission from their parent or guardian. This level of caution would suggest that Omegle isn't really a service that is suitable for children or young teenagers.

Sexually explicit content

Some people use Omegle so that they can enjoy sexually explicit conversations and share photographs or images with others in a live video call. There is the danger that some of the random people Omegle pairs your child with may have this intention. As well as the risk of seeing others take part in sexually explicit activities, these individuals may also ask your child to do similar things. It is illegal to make, possess, download, store and share sexual images, photos and videos of a person under the age of 18.

Predators target children on Omegle

For a website to openly state on its homepage to be careful because predators have been known to use its service is concerning. According to media reports, in 2017 a couple found their daughter talking to a random man via Omegle who asked the girl questions, such as whether her parents were strict, all while keeping his webcam covered. Predators will typically hide their identity in this way, pretending to be a different age or different person entirely. Due to Omegle's anonymity, events can be very hard to track.

Chats on Omegle can be recorded

Although calls can't be directly saved on Omegle, people can and do use third-party devices and software to record their conversations. As such, even if your child thinks they can do things on Omegle without it being tracked or with no consequences, this is far from the case.

Omegle stores conversations

Although Omegle guarantees anonymity, it can store conversations after they have ended. An internet researcher found that each chat log is saved in Omegle's server after they exit a conversation with someone. Words to this effect may be stated in the company's privacy for those who read it, which means Omegle's promise of anonymity may not be as private as everyone thinks.

Adult Chat

By clicking on the adult chat option, you are taken to an external adult pornography website. While it asks people to confirm that they are 18 when they click on this button, there is no way for Omegle to check for sure whether the individual really is 18 or over. As such, your child could be accessing porn at the

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Monitor your child closely

Despite the fact that many teenagers use Omegle, it will feature content that simply isn't designed or appropriate for this age group. If you allow your child to use Omegle, it probably isn't wise to allow them to use it alone. Perhaps sit down and use the service together – that way you can protect them from any potential dangers and react quicker to uncomfortable situations.

Make sure your child only uses the 'moderated' chat

When your child uses the 'moderated' chat option, messages will advise that the 'video is monitored, keep it clean' while on other sections, 'unmonitored' and 'adult', warnings state that potential sexual content may appear instead. The moderated section exists to try and lower the possibility of viewing sexual or inappropriate content but while it's probably safer than the other chat modes things may slip through.



Be mindful

Encourage your children to think critically about the things they see online. Chat about any messages where there is any uncertainty that someone is telling the truth.

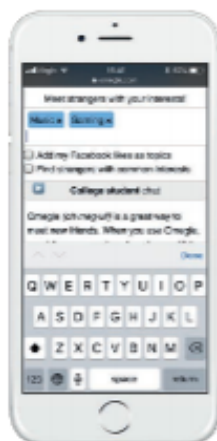
Talk to your child about the risks

The following topics are good conversation starters to sit down and have with your child:

- Video calls and messages aren't as private as you think and can easily be recorded or stored
- The dangers and illegality of sexting underage
- What to do when they see inappropriate content on Omegle
- Why it's important not to go on the 'adult chat' or 'unmoderated chat'

Don't give out personal information

It is important that children don't give away personal details, such as their full name, age, address, or phone number to strangers.



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Learn how to identify 'bots' or 'trols'

Bots leave automated messages and are often instant replies that don't relate to the conversation topic. People who use rude or inappropriate language straightaway or type weird messages before you have introduced yourself are quite often internet trolls who want to cause mischief.

Enter relevant interests

Providing genuine interests when starting a chat can increase the chances of your child being paired with someone they have something in common with rather than a bot.

Be ready to disconnect

If your child feels uncomfortable during a conversation, reassure them that they can exit a chat. To do this, they can simply disconnect from the session and exit the service or start a conversation with another user.

Be safe

Your child should never agree to meet up with someone they only know online. No matter how friendly they might seem or how well they think they know them, they are still a stranger.

Find an alternative service

Talking to random strangers is always going to be potentially dangerous. There are other online chat services available where it is clear who you are talking to and they are who they say they are.

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