

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 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, a 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 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. The visit 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 Government & DCC - attached.

ET PTFA AGM - Being held on Tuesday 9th November 2021 at 10.30 am. See page 3 for the Zoom link to join this meeting.

College Families Only - Please do not park in front of our neighbours' garages or driveways.

ICT and Half Term Info - See pages 4 and 5.

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.

We have a few more classes returning next week and we are continuing to monitor the situation with the UK HSA (Health Security Agency), Public Health Devon and the Local Authority - all known as the Outbreak Management Team.

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

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| 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 |
| Monday 29th November: | Occasional day (school closed) |
| Friday 17th December: | Term end |



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 their health needs.

More information about this initiative will follow when known.

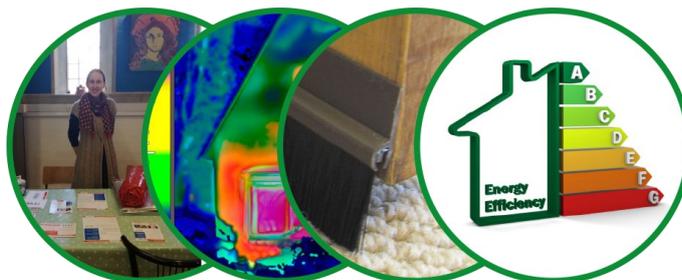


HELP WITH ENERGY BILLS



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 not able 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.

ET PTFA - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

As an automatic member of the Ellen Tinkham PTFA, you are invited to come along to our Annual General Meeting (AGM) via Zoom on Tuesday 9th November at 10.30 am.



The PTFA plays a vital part in the school community and all parents, as members of the PTFA, are invited to support the AGM. This is your chance to hear how the funds you have helped raise have been used for the benefit of students at our school and college.

The AGM is also an opportunity for you to elect the PTFA committee, to represent the association throughout the forthcoming academic year. The current PTFA is a mixture of parents, grandparents, carers, friends and staff that work together for the benefit of Ellen Tinkham School and College. None of us are specialist in fundraising and **new members would be most welcome**. If you would like to attend, please click [here](#) for the Zoom meeting link.

Meeting ID: 827 0269 9606 Passcode: 962224

If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to contact the Chair of the PTFA, Sarah Wallace, please email: sarahewallace78@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you on the 9th of November!

POLITE REQUEST

When dropping off or collecting your young person from the College site at Wayside Crescent, please be mindful of our neighbours when parking your vehicle.

Please do not park in front of their garages or driveways.

Thank you for your consideration.



No parking



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.

How to set it up...

Step 1
To switch on Guided Access, open your Apple device's Settings – that's the one with the cog icon, normally found on the first of your home screens.

Step 2
In the Settings menu, scroll down and select Accessibility, then scroll down and select Guided Access.

Step 3
Enable Guided Access by tapping the toggle at the top. It should turn green, and a new series of options will appear.

Step 4
You can now customise Guided Access. Under Passcode Settings, for example, you can set a six-digit passcode that must be entered to turn Guided Access back off. You'll also find an option to quit Guided Access using Face ID if your device has that feature.

Step 5
There are audio options, such as scheduling an alert if you decide to set a time limit on Guided Access – to restrict gaming sessions to an hour, say. You can also set an alarm or spoken warning for when the time is almost up, so your child isn't suddenly kicked out of the app. It's a good way to avoid tantrums!

Step 6
Finally, you can alter the length of time before the device auto-locks. If your child is reading on the device's Kindle app, for example, you might want to stop the screen locking after only two minutes of nobody touching it – so they can read happily without interruption. You can select from pre-set time periods or disable the lock function altogether.

How to switch it on...

Step 1
When you need to start a Guided Access session, open the app your child wishes to use and then press the home/power button or side button on your device three times in quick succession.

Step 2
You can now select parts of the screen that you'd like to lock. If your child's reading on your Kindle app, for example, you could disable the icon that takes them to the main Kindle library – so they don't stumble across books written for an adult audience.

Step 3
The Options menu in the bottom right allows you to set a time limit for the session. Use the scrollable menu to specify the time limit in minutes or hours.

Step 4
Other options in this menu let you control access to settings such as the volume. So if your child's listening to music, you could lock the volume buttons (once it's set to a suitable level) so they can't damage their hearing by playing it too loud.

Step 5
When everything is set up how you want it, click Start. Your child will now not be able to leave that app. If they press the home button to exit, as usual, it will do nothing.

Step 6
The only way to leave Guided Access is to triple-click the home/power or side button (or double-click, if you set up the option to exit via Face ID). Without Face ID, you'll need the six-digit passcode to return to your home screen. Obviously, don't forget that code or let your child find out what it is!

Meet Our Expert

Barry Collins has been a technology journalist and editor for more than 20 years, working for titles such as the *Sunday Times*, *Which?*, *PC Pro* and *Computeractive*. He's appeared regularly as a technology pundit on television and radio, including on *Newsnight*, *Radio 5 Live* and the *ITV News at Ten*. He has two children and has written regularly about internet safety issues.



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