



# LADYWOOD SCHOOL

## SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers

We have had a fabulous start to the year, with lots of exciting activities already taking place.

Ladywood continues to ensure that our pupils have a wide range of opportunities beyond the classroom and many have already started. As a school we offer Horse Riding, Gymnastics, Wheels for All and Swimming to name just a few!

The children have settled in at both sites extremely well. The children are busy learning in their classes, making friends and enjoying all that Ladywood offers.

As you all know, our main site continues to have building works. The new extension will include 12 classrooms, a new sensory room and a children's kitchen!

We are very excited about our extension and we are planning an official opening next half term. Further details to follow.

On Wednesday 13th November we will host our Parents evening, which is a fabulous opportunity to meet your child's teacher and other professionals that work in partnership with Ladywood. Further details will follow.

To keep up to date with all our latest news, please follow us on our various social media platforms - Instagram: @ladywoodschool Twitter: @ladywoodschool Facebook: Ladywood School Youtube: Ladywood School. Also check our school blog for daily/weekly updates - <http://blog.ladywood.bolton.sch.uk/>

Thank you for your continued support,

Susan and the staff at Ladywood



## Upcoming Events

- ★ 1st October - Flu Immunisations for students at main site - please return forms asap
- ★ Wednesday 13th November - Parents Evening - further information to follow
- ★ November - Macmillan Coffee Morning - TBC

## Reminder

*Please note, school finishes on Friday 25th October and re-opens on **Monday 11th November***

## Parent Partner

Sarah Travis is the School's Parent Partner and will be able to provide guidance, advice and support for parents/carers.

Sarah is available all day Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Should you require any help then please contact Sarah either on the school office number:

01204 333400

or via email [parentpartner@ladywood.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:parentpartner@ladywood.bolton.sch.uk)



## SULLY

Sully had a lovely Summer holiday, going on lots of walks and exploring! He even went swimming in the sea!



## Importance Notice - Parking

When dropping off/collecting your child, can we please ask that you do not park on the area at the front of school with the hatched marked sections, block other cars in and also that you do not park in a Masefield School parking space.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## Online Payments

We use School Gateway system with regards to the payment of school meals, snack and a way in which we can communicate with parents.

It is essential that parents download AND register on the School Gateway App to make sure you receive all messages.

We no longer use Teachers2Parents as a form of communicating.

If you are struggling to sign up please feel free to telephone the school office for guidance over the phone.



# WELCOME

We are delighted to have welcomed several new members of staff to the Ladywood team – Helen Toole, Megan Murphy, Lucy Mawdsley, Dean Simons, Macken Slater, Isobel Taylor, Monica Harris, Ella Simmonds, Lisa Solczak, Lauren Hamilton, Sara Stubberfield and Stella Ashworth.

## ASDA CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Please see the information below. Asda are running a scheme where they will donate a percentage of your shop to your nominated school via their app.

Here is the link - <https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>

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- 2 Opt-in to Cashpot for Schools and follow the steps in your app
- 3 Shop, scan and we donate

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**School Closure** - please note school will be closed one week after the October half term: Monday 4th November to Friday 8th November (please see updated holiday list below). This is to enable the school to open the new build, move classes from Little Ladywood and to move classes from the main site in the new new build.

To support the learning offer of the children at Ladywood, all classes will provide a pack of physical resources prior to the October half term and will offer daily zooms at the start of each day. Further details of these will follow in the Autumn Term.

We do apologise for the closure days but hope you will understand the necessity for it.

### Woodbridge Trust Holiday List 2024-2025 – Parents

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The dates that are shaded in Gold are the days children and young people are not in school.

The dates that are Red are Bank Holidays.



Welcome back to another fun-filled school year at Ladywood!

During Autumn 1, our Rights of the half term are the right to education along with the goals of education.

In school, we develop our children's readiness to learn and provide support to access education through multi-sensory, differentiated and exciting learning opportunities. During this half term, we will focusing on following our children's lead and exploring learning opportunities based on individual interests.

At home, you can support your child to understand their right to an education by encouraging learning opportunities whenever possible - this could be indoor or outdoor, wherever your child is at their happiest!

Please send in some photos of the lovely things that you get up to at home!

If you would like any communication boards/visuals to support your child, please contact your class team.

# Rights of the half term



## Data Collection Forms

Reminder - if you haven't already done so, please return your data collection, consent and privacy forms, signed and dated.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## Sickness

Please be aware that if your child has an episode of sickness and/or diarrhoea they need to be kept off school for 48 hours from the last bout of sickness.

All schools are expected to adhere to this guidance from The Community Infection Prevention and Control Team.

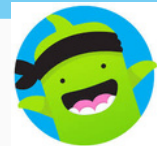
Many thanks in anticipation of your support

## Appointments

If your child has an upcoming appointment, could we please ask that you notify school in advance of when the appointment is taking place. Could a copy of the appointment letter also be sent to school prior to the appointment.

Thank you for your co-operation.

## Communication with Home/Class Dojo



We are continuing to use Class Dojo as the main form of communication with parents/carers.

However, we appreciate that there may be times that you feel you need to speak to someone in person or urgently. The office team are always available and welcome calls from parents/carers.

## Contact Information

Please ensure that contact details and medical information for your child are up-to-date. If you are unsure please contact the main office on 01204 333400.

Could we please ask that parents keep their phone switched on throughout the day so that we are able to make contact with you if needed. Thank you.



## Attendance/Leave of Absence

As part of new guidance and monitoring of pupil attendance from the Department of Education, a Leave of Absence form needs to be completed 4 weeks prior to an event, due to authorisation from the Head Teacher.

Parents will need to provide as much information as possible before sending in the form. As a parent, you may wish to take your child, out of school, on holiday in less busier times, to benefit from quieter facilities. Please can you put this level of detail in the Leave of Absence form.

If you are taking your child out of the country for longer than 10 days, school will also require copies of flight tickets, both leaving England and arriving back into England, and an address where your child will be staying.

We realise that sometimes families may need to visit family overseas at short notice. We will still require a Leave of Absence form to be completed, flight tickets and address where the child will be staying.

In addition, we understand that children with Special Educational Needs may need to attend medical appointments more frequently and these will be authorised, however we would still ask that school are informed of these prior to attending.

It is the right of a child to receive an education and school attendance is crucial for children's progress of learning. Attendance is closely monitored at school and if there is an issue Ladywood's Attendance lead may be in touch to offer support or strategies.

If your child is off school for any reason please get in touch with the office to let them know the reasons. It is important we have a full picture of children's attendance throughout the year.

Click on link below for the Holiday Request Form:

<file:///F:/Holiday%20application%20forms%20-%20pupils.pdf>



# Guide to Free School Meals

## Quick guide to FREE SCHOOL MEALS

My child is in  
Reception,  
year 1 or year 2

YES

Automatically  
qualify for universal  
free school meals

Visit [www.bolton.gov.uk](http://www.bolton.gov.uk)  
or use QR code here



My child is in  
year 3 and  
above

YES

I receive benefits  
or have an income  
below £16,190

YES

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### Free school meals for your younger children, the perfect choice

- We will help your child work towards their 5 a day
- We will introduce your children to new tastes and flavours
- We cater for medical and cultural diets
- Our menus contain dishes your children will eat and enjoy
- They contain the correct amount of nutrients to help them grow and learn
- We serve as much fresh local produce as possible to reduce food miles and make school meals greener!

Simply tell the school you want your child to stay at lunchtime

#### To apply visit

<https://www.bolton.gov.uk/free-school-meals-clothing-allowance/free-school-meals-help-school-uniform> or scan the QR code



### Benefit checklist to see if you can apply for your older children

- ✓ If you receive any of these you will qualify for free school meals
- ✓ Income Support
- ✓ Jobseeker's Allowance Income based
- ✓ Employment Support Allowance Income related
- ✓ Support under the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ✓ Guaranteed Pension Credit
- ✓ Child Tax Credit - as long as your letter shows you have an income of less than £16,190 and do not get Working Tax Credit
- ✓ Universal Credit - your earned income must be less than £7,400 a year

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If you need any information or have any questions

Visit: [www.bolton.gov.uk/schoolmeals](http://www.bolton.gov.uk/schoolmeals)

Call: 01204 336950 Email: [schoolmeals@bolton.gov.uk](mailto:schoolmeals@bolton.gov.uk)





# Are you missing out on £460.00 per child per year?

Every little bit helps during the cost of living crisis



Dear Parent/Carer

Make sure you are not missing out on benefits you are entitled to. School meals remain free for ALL children in reception, years 1 & 2 regardless of circumstances and you don't have to apply. Simply tell your school you would like your child to stay for lunch.

School meals are the perfect choice for your child. Children who eat a balanced, healthy diet are more likely to be alert in class and have more energy to enjoy an active lifestyle. Eating with other children will also help them to develop important social skills in their first years at school. We cater for ethical and cultural diets too.

Don't worry if your smaller children are fussy eaters. Our staff are on hand to help them make a choice they will eat and enjoy. No one leaves hungry under our watch!

**Have your circumstances changed? Your older children could be entitled too.**

Did you know that you can claim for free school meals if you are on certain benefits or have a reduced household income when your children reach year 3 and onwards. Follow the quick guide on the next page.

**Your child won't be singled out for receiving free schools meals, they will queue up with their friends and the rest of their class.**

We look forward to serving your child.

Yours sincerely,

Bolton School Meals Team

**Please turn over for more details about using your meal allowance.**



Scan the QR code to take part in our quick survey to win supermarket vouchers.

Your opinions matter to us!

## Ladywood Social Media

To keep up to date with all our latest news, please follow us on our various social media platforms.



Instagram: @ladywoodschoo



Twitter: @ladywoodschoo



Facebook: Ladywood School



Youtube: Ladywood School

## Ladywood Blog

Please don't forget to check the blog for daily/weekly updates on the children's learning and all the exciting activities that have been happening around school. The blog is a great way for everyone to communicate and to keep up to date.

<http://blog.ladywood.bolton.sch.uk/>

## Snack Money

May we remind parents of non-pupil premium children, of the voluntary contribution of £1.00 a week towards your child's snack. This can be paid in cash or via your School Gateway account. If paying by cash, please send into school in an envelope with your child's name on. Thank you.





# Friends of Ladywood



## What is FOL?

Friends of Ladywood are a group of parents/carers (who wish to have a more involved role in school) and staff, that get together regularly to discuss and plan upcoming fundraising events.

## When do we meet?

We meet once every half term.

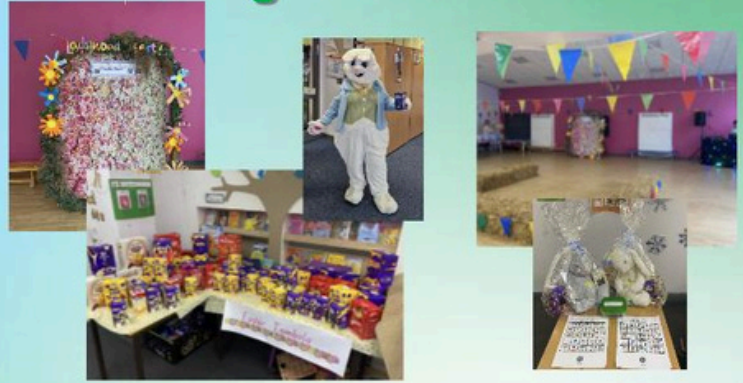
## What if I cannot commit to attend every meeting?

Do not worry if you cannot attend every meeting, we understand that parents and carers will have a busy home life also. We will keep in regular contact with you over email to inform you of any outcomes and future meetings you may be able to attend.

## What does it involve?

Being a friend of Ladywood involves a wide range of things. Here are a few:

- Attending meetings to discuss upcoming events (Easter Raffle/Christmas Fair) & bringing new ideas to the table.
- Sourcing raffle prizes from local businesses.
- Helping to put on large events at the school to fundraise for Ladywood.



**If you are interested in becoming a member of 'Friends of Ladywood' but cannot attend please email:**

[friendsofladywood@ladywood.bolton.sch.uk](mailto:friendsofladywood@ladywood.bolton.sch.uk)

one of our team members will be in touch.



In the UK, an estimated 350,000 tones of clothes end up in landfill every year! Join us and our ECO council in working towards reducing carbon emissions.

We would love any donations of nearly new or good quality Ladywood uniform for our uniform bank

*Items can be donated via the school office*





# Internet Safety

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and educators with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. Please visit [nationalonlinesafety.com](http://nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Part of our Gaming & Gambling Series



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## What you need to know about... **GAMING STREAMERS & INFLUENCERS**



### What are they?

#### 'Gaming Streamers & Influencers'

Streamers are people who stream themselves gaming, drawing, making things etc. for people to watch on the internet. Usually this will be done live, and others are able to chat with them in real time while they do so. Influencers are social media stars who hold influence over the people that follow them, like a kind of trend-setter or taste-maker, who companies often pay to promote their products. A streamer could also be considered an influencer in their chosen area.

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### Know the Risks

#### Adult Content

Many streamers use platforms such as Twitch or YouTube to broadcast themselves. YouTube for example, is only for ages 13+ (YouTube kids is for under 13s) and may contain a lot of other adult content. Streamers themselves may be unsuitable for younger audiences with the kind of content they make, and with many opting to stream live, anything can – and does – happen.

#### Authenticity Risk

A lot of streamers will have some kind of sponsorship deal in place with a company trying to sell their products to an audience. When the audience is mostly younger viewers, they may not realise that streamers are getting paid to promote a product and may not necessarily have their best interests in mind.

#### Bullying and hate

While some streamers do employ moderators to try and combat hateful comments or bullying in their comments sections, they can still be very rancid. Hateful language is quite common, and people looking to groom children or engage in online bullying behaviour, could frequent the live chats.

#### Subscriptions

Streamers also make money through subscriptions on websites like Twitch, where fans will donate them a small amount as little or as often as they like. Called 'bits', they can be bought in bundles of varying prices which can be gifted to streamers via 'cheers'. Children could buy these 'bits' in large amounts without realising what they're doing, leaving a big bill behind.

### Safety Tips

#### Discuss what's real online

Be sure to teach kids the difference between what's real and honest, or fake and untrustworthy online. Photoshopping fake images and videos and bragging about themselves online is unfortunately quite commonplace so it is difficult to tell what is real or fake. People with large followings can be promoting unhealthy or unattainable lifestyles to children to boost their own online influence.

#### Use filters

There are filters that can be put in place to block out a lot of adult content on streaming sites. Just make sure you have access to children's accounts so you can set the parameters and keep track of what they're seeing yourself. Usually, parental controls will be located in the settings portion of an account's menu.

#### Check age settings

Both YouTube and Twitch state that they are not suitable for children under 13 years old, but other sites might be different. YouTube Kids, for example, is for ages 13 and under, and offers much of the same kid-friendly content that YouTube does without the risk of running into something improper.

#### Affiliate links

Keep an eye out for affiliate links in social media posts and tags like #ad. UK influencers have to follow the CAP Code for advertising standards, but many don't. It can be hard to tell who is working through legitimate channels, because it's almost impossible to regulate. Many streamers encourage fans to buy merchandise through online shops and stores.

### Action & Support

#### Name check streamers

If your child has begun showing an interest in a streamer or influencer, check their names on Google. Some popular streamers have been discovered flouting industry regulations and using their young audiences to enhance their personal wealth through scams whilst others may swear on streams or promote drinking, substance abuse or links to gambling sites they operate to their young audiences.

#### Talk to your child

Initiate an open dialogue with your child about the kind of content they're consuming online. Ask about their favourite streamers and whether they like their personalities or the games they play and the community they have. Also remind them about what they should and shouldn't be sharing about themselves online and that just because social media stars do it, it can also be damaging.

#### Block and report

If you suspect a streamer might be taking advantage of their audience, or worse grooming children in any way, and have irrefutable evidence, do not hesitate to block and report them. First, block your child from being able to view their content and alert other parents to your concerns. Go immediately to the police or local authorities with the evidence of what you've seen.

### Our Expert Mark Foster



Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for 5 years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the current gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world, UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGible. Starting gaming from a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work, but more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.

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