

ASH GREEN WEEKLY NEWS

2 October 2020



PRIMARY SCHOOL

It's been another fantastic week at Ash Green and attendance has certainly picked up. Remember- it is only the 3 main symptoms of Covid 19 (detailed on Page 2) that should necessitate a child being off school- not a common cold. We are ensuring that any individual children or families who have to self isolate are given work to complete. After half term we will be rolling out new 'remote learning' opportunities for all our children- look out for updates on that.

Harvest Collection

This year our Harvest Collection will be on Friday 16 October.

Please can we ask for donations of tins, packets and dried foods?

We will store these in boxes and then after that weekend, in line with Covid guidelines, will distribute them to local charities.



Due to the current pandemic, we have made the decision to not send home hard copies of reading books to minimise what comes in and out of school. As ever, reading remains a priority at Ash Green and therefore we are thrilled to have bought into the Rising Stars online reading library after successfully trialling it through lockdown. As before, your child will be allocated a home reader on a Friday. The expectation is still that they will read every night. There are some useful questions at the end of the book for parents/carers to ask as well as an online quiz to check your child's understanding of the book.

Reminder: If your child has no books allocated under their Key Stage tab, then please check the other Key Stage option.

The Rising Stars online library is compatible with most devices (tablets, laptops, computers, mobile phones and even SMART TVs!!) If your child struggles to quiz on your device, please still encourage them to read and we will help them to quiz in school.

Log in details in the box below – username and password will be your child's.

my.risingstars-uk.com

Username: **msheppard**

Password: **ms**

Centre ID: **501433**

FAIR BANDING ASSESSMENT

We have 40 of our Year 6 children whose families have registered them for the Fair Banding Assessment- necessary for admission to Trinity Academy. The Assessment will be taken in school in Y6 classrooms on Tuesday 13th October.



2020/2021 Term Dates



Half Term	Close Friday 23 October	Re-open Monday 2 November
Christmas	Close Friday 18 December	Re-open Monday 4 January 2021
Half Term	Close Friday 12 February	Re-open Monday 22 February
Easter	Close Friday 1 April	Re-open Monday 19 April
May Day - Close Monday 3 May		
Half Term	Close Friday 28 May	Re-open Tuesday 8 June
Mid-Summer	Close Friday 23 July	

SOME FACTS AND PROCEDURES

Of course it is a concerning time for everyone with the existence of Covid-19. People's worries have also sadly been exacerbated by a lot of rumours and myths and the guidance has changed so many times too! The most up to date guidance has been incorporated into our Risk Assessments and all that we do.

SYMPTOMS AND TESTS

We sincerely hope all our children, staff and families stay well. Here are some reminders and updated guidance which should answer all questions.

SYMPTOMS: The symptoms of Covid-19 are: a new, dry, persistent cough; a temperature of over 37.8°C; a loss of taste or smell.

If anyone in the household has those symptoms **all** household members should self-isolate and the person with symptoms should take a test. If anyone in the household is showing these symptoms, nobody from the household should attend school. Self-isolation means staying within our own house and garden.

If a test is **NOT** taken, the person displaying the symptoms must self-isolate for **TEN** days and all household members for **FOURTEEN** days. This is the same as if a **POSITIVE** test result is returned so it is essential a test is taken if a child is to return to school.

If a test for someone with symptoms returns a **NEGATIVE** result then no further self-isolation is needed.

ARRANGING A TEST

School staff will support parents and carers in arranging tests if children are displaying symptoms. Tests can be booked online at www.nhs.uk/coronavirus. If the site directs you to a location out of area then please keep trying, you could try the permanent testing centre at Asda- on occasions they have been providing tests without bookings for parents who have had this issue. We will ask parents and carers to inform us immediately of the results of the test. Remember you can always order a Home Testing Kit- they are being returned within a couple of days of being sent from the designated post boxes: there are several in Mixenden.

If someone tests negative, if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to COVID-19, they can stop self-isolating. They could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu – in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better. Other members of their household can also stop self-isolating.

If someone tests positive, they must continue to self-isolate for at least 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to the setting only if they do not have symptoms other than a cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 10-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days.

CHILDREN DISPLAYING SYMPTOMS

We know that we will have children and staff who will have coughs and high temperatures this year. The difference this year of course is that we will have to send children – and siblings – home who display these symptoms and support parents and carers in arranging a test. **Please book tests online, try the drive and walk-in options, be patient as they take some time on the system. Remember you can order Home Testing Kits and we at school are also ordering as many as we can for any families who are unable to arrange tests online or through Home Tests.**

If a child is displaying symptoms we will ensure they are comfortable and cared for in a safe, isolated space. We would phone parents/carers and ask them to collect their child and any siblings. We would support arranging a test and ask parents/carers to let us know the result.

The great majority of tests will be negative and children – and siblings – can then immediately return if well. Households would no longer need to self-isolate. **Please let us know as soon as test results come back.**

In the very unlikely event that a child was to test positive for Covid-19 we would support the child and family as always. The child would self-isolate for 10 days. All other household members including siblings who attend the school would self-isolate for 14 days.

If a child (or indeed a staff member) tests positive then the Health Protection Team would advise on who must also self-isolate. This would be likely to be the whole class bubble (children and staff) for 14 days.