ASH GREEN WEEKLY NEWS

18th December 2020

PRIMARY SCHOOL



Thank you to everyone for making a tough year a little more bearable! Hopefully, the wonderful support from local charities, Morrison's, Holy Nativity Church and our staff has also spread Christmas cheer with the gifts that have gone home with children. It was certainly a magical last week with special lunches, parties, pantomime and visits from Santa too! We wish everyone a restful and safe break and Merry Christmas.

CHRISTMAS COVID SUPPORT

We have added a Christmas Covid section to our website (www.ashgreen.info) that has guidance for the Christmas period as well as how, and why to contact us.

The main thing is that if any child or staff member were to test positive that you email us on admin@ashgreen.calderdale.sch.uk.

We would also like you to let us know that, due to a child or family member testing positive or showing symptoms at the end of the holiday, a child is going to be absent when we return by also emailing the above address. Thank you.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

We are aware that Secondary Schools have been told (at the last minute!!) that most children in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 will be working at home on Remote Learning in the week commencing 4th January. If you are affected, then check whether your child can still attend under 'vulnerable child' criteria or if you feel you may be a 'Critical Worker'!

JUST 3S

We now have a dedicated Just 3s page on our website. We have uploaded a 'Virtual Tour' for parents and carers of children who will start at Ash Green in January. Head to www.ashgreen.info and to the Just 3s page.

LATERAL FLOW TESTING

You will have seen in the news that 'Mass Testing' is being rolled out in Secondary Schools.
The plan for Primary Schools is that STAFF can access regular tests even without showing any symptoms. From January, our staff will have the opportunity to have weekly Lateral Flow Tests in school. This will mean that even though staff may be asymptomatic, if they were unknowingly carrying the virus then we would ensure they were then not in school and IF any others were affected, we would action what was necessary.

STAFFING CHANGES

We have appointed some fantastic new staff and also had some internal moves in our Support Staff team. Mrs Keris will be working in 6C and Mrs Bedford will be leading Speech and Language interventions full time. We have appointed Mrs Taylor to work in Lower Site reception, Ms Van-Eda to work in Upper Site reception and Mr Halliday and Miss Randles to work 1:1 with children at the Upper Site.

FAMILY LEARNING

LOOK OUT on our website for the next set of Family Learning videos that have been uploaded.

YEAR 4 SINGERS

HEAD to the app and website to watch a video that the Calderdale Music Trust has produced of our Year 4 children completing a song in sign language or click this link:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dQb2mi3HOiM&feature=youtu.be

A reminder that we return to school on MONDAY 4 JANUARY.



See you all in the New Year and have a wonderful Christmas.

Keeping Families Safe in Calderdale

COVID-19 related absence from school or childcare: a guide for parents and carers

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with COVID-19 have at least 1 of these symptoms.

If your child has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19

- Keep your child at home.
- Arrange a test online (search NHS COVID-19 testing) or by calling 119 as soon as possible.
- Anyone your child lives with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home. When you get your test result you will be advised what to do

If you or your child are worried about COVID-1, speak to your health visitor or school nurse
Health Visiting Team: 030 0304 5076
School Nursing Team: 030 3330 9974

What to do if…	Action needed	Return to school/setting when…
…my child has one or more of the main COVID-19 symptoms	→ Do not come to school/setting → Contact school/setting to inform us → Self-isolate the whole household including siblings	...the test comes back negative If you are unable to get a test for your child within 5 days of them developing symptoms, you must follow the advice below
…my child has a runny nose, sore throat, headache, sickness or diarrhoea but doesn't have	→ Contact school or setting to inform us if your child won't be attending → Ring on each day of illness	… they feel well enough to do so, and after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea
…my child tests positive for COVID-19	→ Do not come to school/setting → Contact school/setting to inform us → Self-isolate the whole household including siblings - For anyone with symptoms: this is for at least 10 days from when they started with symptoms	...10 days have passed since symptoms began, and the child feels well and does not have a temperature. The child can return even if they still have a cough or loss/change to their sense of taste or smell as these symptoms can last for several weeks Remember, others in your household may still be self- isolating
… I am unable to get a test for my child within 5 days of them developing symptoms of COVID-19	→ Do not come to school/setting → Contact school/setting to inform us → Self-isolate the whole household including siblings - For anyone with symptoms: this is for at least 10 days from when they started with symptoms - For anyone who doesn't develop symptoms: this is at least 10 days from when the first person started with symptoms	...10 days have passed since the symptoms began, and the child feels well and does not have a temperature. The child can return even if they still have a cough or loss/change to their sense of taste or smell as these symptoms can last for several weeks. Remember, others in your household may still be self- isolating. If the child is a contact of a confirmed case, develops symptoms, and cannot get a test, they must continue to self-isolate for the full 10 days
…my child tests negative for COVID-19	→ Contact school/setting to inform us → Discuss with us when your child can come back	…they feel well enough to do so, unless: → Anyone else in the household has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 10 days → Anyone else in the household has symptoms and hasn't received a negative test result → They are a contact of a confirmed case → They have returned from abroad are required to quarantine (as per current Government advice)
…someone in my household (other than my child) has COVID-19 symptoms	→ Do not come to school/setting → Contact school/setting to inform us → Self-isolate the whole household → Arrange a test for anyone in the household **with symptoms** → Inform school/setting about test result	… the test comes back negative or ten days have passed since the person started with symptoms

What to do if…	Action needed	Return to school/setting when…
…someone in my household (other than my child) tests positive for COVID-19	→ Do not come to school/setting → Contact school/setting to inform us → Self-isolate the whole household - For anyone with symptoms: this is for at least 10 days from when they started with symptoms. For anyone who doesn't develop symptoms: this is at least 10 days from when the first person started with symptoms	… 10 days have passed since the person developed symptoms If your child develops symptoms during this time, you should arrange a test. If they test positive or are not tested they must stay at home for 10 days from when they started with symptoms
… I am unable to get a test for someone in my household (other than my child) within 5 days of them developing symptoms COVID-19 symptoms	→ Do not come to school/setting → Contact school/setting to inform us → Self-isolate the whole household including siblings - For anyone with symptoms: this is for at least 10 days from when they started with symptoms - For anyone who doesn't develop symptoms: this is at least 10 days from when the first person started with symptoms	… 10 days have passed since the person developed symptoms If your child develops symptoms during this time, you should arrange a test. If they test positive or are not tested they must stay at home for 10 days from when they started with symptoms
…Someone in my household had a test for COVID-19 but the result was inconclusive	→ Continue to self-isolate the whole household → Arrange a retest if possible within 5 days from the person starting with symptoms. → If you are unable to arrange a retest, follow advise above for "I am unable to get a test"	… 10 days have passed since the person developed symptoms, if unable to get a retest.
… my child has been identified as a contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case	→ Do not come to school/setting → Contact school/setting to inform us → If the contact was within school/setting, you will receive a notification letter from us → Do not arrange a test unless your child develops symptoms → Siblings can continue to attend	… 10 days have passed since the person developed symptoms (or since the date of their test if they did not have symptoms). If your child develops symptoms during this time, you should arrange a test. If they test positive or are not tested they must stay at home for 10 days from when they started with symptoms
… someone else in my household has been identified as a contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case	→ The household member must self-isolate for 10 days → The person should not arrange a test unless they develop symptoms → Child can continue to attend school → Siblings can continue to attend	… child can continue to attend
… I've heard that someone at school has tested positive for COVID-19	→ If your child is identified as a contact, you will be notified and advised what happens next	… child can continue to attend
… my child has travelled abroad	→ If your child is required to quarantine (as per current Government advice), contact school/setting to inform us → If your child is not required to quarantine, they can return to school/setting → You should not arrange a test for COVID-19 unless your child develops symptoms	… your child has completed quarantine, if required
… I have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding	Do not come to school/setting Contact school/setting to inform us	…you are informed that restrictions are lifted, and shielding is paused again