

ASH GREEN WEEKLY NEWS



PRIMARY SCHOOL



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WELCOME BACK

What a wonderful first week at Ash Green with everyone together. Next week, staff will continue to plan our 'blended learning' approach- getting the most out of tapestry and Seesaw in school time, for homework and also in the sad event of any bubble closures or pupils having to isolate. Our Y6 teachers are busy liaising with the Secondary Schools to plan transition activities that can be delivered in Summer Term. Next Friday will be a lovely celebration day and Comic Relief fundraiser- see below!!



Brilliant!

First Week Back



It has been an amazing first week back in school. Almost all children have been in all week and been exceptionally well behaved. The staff have worked so hard at all levels to make school absolutely safe, fastidiously clean and hygienic and wonderfully stimulating for inspiring learning in classrooms.

As brilliant as our children's attitude to learning is, we can see big gaps in learning- through nobody's fault except Covid closures- so attendance, hard work and homework completion will be essential. From Easter to Summer EVERY child will benefit from additional interventions in the school day. Thank you for your support!!

COVID CLARITY

Thank you for all your support on all things Covid! As you know, it is essential we all follow guidance in and out of school. We will always- with this newsletter- provide detailed advice on everything linked to Covid-19 but key points we must follow are:

- Children must not attend school if showing a main symptom of high temperature, new cough, loss of smell/taste. A PCR test should be arranged- school can help with this if you are unsure.
- If any household member shows symptoms then the entire household must isolate until a negative test is returned- or for 10 days if no test or a positive test!
- If a child has been in contact with a positive case they must isolate for 10 days regardless of a subsequent negative test for the child.
- If a member of the household has been in contact with a positive case, that person must isolate for 10 days regardless of a subsequent negative test for that person- children can still attend unless a household member subsequently shows symptoms.

FURTHER DETAILS ARE ON PAGE 2 AND 3 OF THIS NEWSLETTER!

A LOVELY DAY OF CELEBRATIONS AND RAISING MONEY FOR CHARITY!



On Friday 19th March we will be celebrating Comic Relief.

We will be holding celebrations on Friday for all the birthdays we have missed since Christmas. If you would like to send goodies in for your child's missed birthday, please bring them in by Wednesday so as to ensure safe distribution after 48 hours.



Lateral Flow Testing



The Government have rolled out a National Lateral Flow Testing Programme for all families with a pupil attending Primary/Secondary School or College.

Lateral Flow Tests for COVID are a simple test that can be done at home with the results in 30 minutes.

All staff at school are doing the tests twice a week and if we can get parents doing this as well, it will be brilliant! It will hopefully spot any outbreaks very quickly and help to keep our whole school community safe.

You can go to www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests for more information or to order a test kit. Or simply pop to Asda between 1pm and 8pm and pick a test kit up.

Remember... it is purely your personal choice if you wish to start testing. Thanks for your support.

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-19, 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	<p>...the test comes back negative. If the test comes back negative, see advice below. If you are unable to get a test for your child within 5 days of them developing symptoms, you must follow the advice below</p> <p>→ Arrange a test for anyone in the household with symptoms</p> <p>→ Inform school/setting about test result</p>	<p>→ Do not come to school/setting</p> <p>→ Contact school/setting to inform us</p> <p>→ Self-isolate the whole household including siblings</p> <p>→ Arrange a test for anyone in the household with symptoms</p> <p>→ Inform school/setting about test result</p>
...my child has a runny nose, sore throat, headache, sickness or diarrhoea but doesn't have	<p>→ Contact school or setting to inform us if your child won't be attending</p> <p>→ Ring on each day of illness</p>	<p>... they feel well enough to do so, and after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea</p>
...my child tests positive for COVID-19	<p>→ Do not come to school/setting</p> <p>→ Contact school/setting to inform us</p> <p>→ Self-isolate the whole household including siblings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 for at least 14 days from when the first person started 	<p>...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</p> <p>Remember, others in your household may still be self-isolating</p>
... I am unable to get a test for my child within 5 days of them developing symptoms of COVID-19	<p>→ Do not come to school/setting</p> <p>→ Contact school/setting to inform us</p> <p>→ Self-isolate the whole household including siblings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 	<p>...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</p>
...my child tests negative for COVID-19	<p>→ Contact school/setting to inform us</p> <p>→ Discuss with us when your child can come back</p>	<p>...they feel well enough to do so, unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → 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	<p>→ Do not come to school/setting</p> <p>→ Contact school/setting to inform us</p> <p>→ Self-isolate the whole household</p> <p>→ Arrange a test for anyone in the household with symptoms</p> <p>→ Inform school/setting about test result</p>	<p>... the test comes back negative or ten days have passed since the person started with symptoms</p>

What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school/setting when...
...someone in my household (other than my child) tests positive for COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Do not come to school/setting → Contact school/setting to inform us → Self-isolate the whole household <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 	<p>... 10 days have passed since the person developed symptoms</p> <p>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</p>
... 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Do not come to school/setting → Contact school/setting to inform us → Self-isolate the whole household including siblings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 	<p>... 10 days have passed since the person developed symptoms</p> <p>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</p>
...Someone in my household had a test for COVID-19 but the result was inconclusive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → 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" 	<p>... 10 days have passed since the person developed symptoms, if unable to get a retest.</p> <p>if able to get a retest, see advise boxes on what to do it someone tests positive or negative for COVID-19.</p>
... my child has been identified as a contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → 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 	<p>... 10 days have passed since the person developed symptoms (or since the date of their test if they did not have symptoms).</p> <p>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</p>
... someone else in my household has been identified as a contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → 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 	<p>... child can continue to attend</p>
... I've heard that someone at school has tested positive for COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → If your child is identified as a contact, you will be notified and advised what happens next 	<p>... child can continue to attend</p>
... my child has travelled abroad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → 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 	<p>... your child has completed quarantine, if required</p>
... I have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding	<p>Do not come to school/setting</p> <p>Contact school/setting to inform us</p>	<p>...you are informed that restrictions are lifted, and shielding is paused again</p>
... someone in my household has symptoms of COVID-19 but a lateral flow test (LFT) they use for work is negative	<p>→ You must arrange PCR testing in the usual way. LFT should not be used to rule out COVID-19 in someone who has symptoms or who has been in contact with a positive case</p>	<p>... the PCR test comes back negative or 10 days have passed since the person started with symptoms</p>