

# ASH GREEN WEEKLY NEWS



PRIMARY SCHOOL



26 March 2021

Another fantastic week done at Ash Green. PLEASE keep to the guidance in the community too – the good news is from 29<sup>th</sup> March outdoor gatherings (including in private gardens) of either 6 people (the rule of 6) or 2 households will also be allowed, making it easier for friends and families to meet outside.

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March between 10 and 11 am we will be distributing breakfast packs to any families who would like them. They are available for collection from each site: Upper Site Main Entrance and Lower Site Hall Back Entrance. The packs will contain cereals, bagels and milk vouchers. We will have 50 packs available at each site – first come first served!

### Breakfast Packs

All children in receipt of Free School Meals will receive vouchers from the Local Authority for the Easter break that will be paid direct to families. We will also be given recipe cards which will be sent home with the children whose families will receive the vouchers.

COUPON



Next Thursday April 1<sup>st</sup> on the last day of term we will be celebrating the diversity in our school and raising awareness of Autism in what is 'World Autism Awareness Week' by holding a non-uniform day where we would like children and staff to come in colourful clothing to give us a kaleidoscope of colour that celebrates difference.

At Ash Green, we have several children who have Autism and we work hard to increase our children's understanding of the different ways that people think and how their minds work differently. We are proud that our children are fantastically inclusive of each other – whatever our differences.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a year now since lockdown began and schools closed for the first time, it has been a year of change and challenge for everyone.

We all hope easier times are coming but until then we must ask you to keep on helping us to stay safe and stay well.

We are following Government and Public Health Guidance for schools very closely. That's one of the reasons our school has stayed safe for children and staff with very few cases of COVID so far and no bubbles closed in term time, I don't know of another school where that is the case. I know that this won't last forever but I am proud of our children and community in supporting us with the strict guidelines we have in place.

Please remember:  
Don't send your child to school if they have a temperature, cough or loss of taste or smell.  
If your child becomes unwell and we call you to collect during the school day, come as quickly as you can.  
If your child or anyone in your household has symptoms: isolate, get tested and think about the safety of others.

Continue to follow Government guidance outside school. Children are telling us they are playing and mixing with more people outside school and in some cases visiting each other's homes and gardens. The risks are still high and we must all follow guidance. Remember that from next Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March, we CAN meet outdoors in groups of six or as two households including in gardens.

Please be polite to school staff. Over the past few days, a handful of parents have been less than kind in conversations regarding staff and on social media. We don't make the rules, we are doing our jobs and outside school we are coping as best we can, just like you. Please also bear in mind the enormous workload and pressures on staff at the moment. The staff here work long hours at school and at home and their job is twice as hard this year! We as a staff have also dealt with serious issues in our own families and keeping the staff morale is much boosted by the wonderful support we receive from the great majority of our parents.

At Ash Green we do everything we can to support families in all situations but there will be times at the moment when we simply can't solve all problems. We will always safeguard all of our children and act on any information that would threaten that. However, we can't solve all issues between adults and would reiterate that we need parents and carers to show respect to one another in and around school- it is not the staff's job to sort out adults' disputes.

Thank you for your co-operation and support.  
Mungo Sheppard



## Easter Pebble Hunt

Ash Green Children's Centre have organised an Easter Pebble Hunt for the Easter holidays around Mixenden.

There will be 20 pebbles decorated with Easter theme images hidden around the community.

Any person who finds these pebbles must return them to the Children's Centre where they will be gifted with a chocolate egg. Good Luck!

Our kind Reverend Robb and the Holy Nativity Church will donate an Easter egg for every child. These will be handed out on Thursday (1<sup>st</sup> April) when we break up for the holidays. We give him our gratitude and thanks for his generosity.

WE BREAK UP NEXT THURSDAY 1 APRIL AT 3.15  
FOR  
**EASTER**  
AND RETURN ON MONDAY 19 APRIL

# 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Arrange a test for anyone in the household <b>with symptoms</b></li> <li>→ Inform school/setting about test result</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Do not come to school/setting</li> <li>→ Contact school/setting to inform us</li> <li>→ Self-isolate the whole household including siblings</li> <li>→ Arrange a test for anyone in the household <b>with symptoms</b></li> <li>→ Inform school/setting about test result</li> </ul>
...my child has a runny nose, sore throat, headache, sickness or diarrhoea but doesn't have	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Contact school or setting to inform us if your child won't be attending</li> <li>→ Ring on each day of illness</li> </ul>	... 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Do not come to school/setting</li> <li>→ Contact school/setting to inform us</li> <li>→ Self-isolate the whole household including siblings                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For anyone with symptoms: this is for at least 10 days from when they started with symptoms</li> <li>- For anyone who doesn't develop symptoms: this is for at least 14 days from when the first person started</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Do not come to school/setting</li> <li>→ Contact school/setting to inform us</li> <li>→ Self-isolate the whole household including siblings                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For anyone with symptoms: this is for at least 10 days from when they started with symptoms</li> <li>- For anyone who doesn't develop symptoms: this is at least 10 days from when the first person started with symptoms</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Contact school/setting to inform us</li> <li>→ Discuss with us when your child can come back</li> </ul>	<p>...they feel well enough to do so, unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Anyone else in the household has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 10 days</li> <li>→ Anyone else in the household has symptoms and hasn't received a negative test result</li> <li>→ They are a contact of a confirmed case</li> <li>→ They have returned from abroad are required to quarantine (as per current Government advice)</li> </ul>
...someone in my household (other than my child) has COVID-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Do not come to school/setting</li> <li>→ Contact school/setting to inform us</li> <li>→ Self-isolate the whole household</li> <li>→ Arrange a test for anyone in the household <b>with symptoms</b></li> <li>→ Inform school/setting about test result</li> </ul>	... 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Do not come to school/setting</li> <li>→ Contact school/setting to inform us</li> <li>→ Self-isolate the whole household               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<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"> <li>→ Do not come to school/setting</li> <li>→ Contact school/setting to inform us</li> <li>→ Self-isolate the whole household including siblings               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- For anyone with symptoms: this is for at least 10 days from when they started with symptoms</li> <li>- For anyone who doesn't develop symptoms: this is at least 10 days from when the first person started with symptoms</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<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"> <li>→ Continue to self-isolate the whole household</li> <li>→ Arrange a retest if possible within 5 days from the person starting with symptoms.</li> <li>→ If you are unable to arrange a retest, follow advise above for "I am unable to get a test"</li> </ul>	<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"> <li>→ Do not come to school/setting</li> <li>→ Contact school/setting to inform us</li> <li>→ If the contact was within school/setting, you will receive a notification letter from us</li> <li>→ Do not arrange a test unless your child develops symptoms</li> <li>→ Siblings can continue to attend</li> </ul>	<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"> <li>→ The household member must self-isolate for 10 days</li> <li>→ The person should not arrange a test unless they develop symptoms</li> <li>→ Child can continue to attend school</li> <li>→ Siblings can continue to attend</li> </ul>	<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"> <li>→ If your child is identified as a contact, you will be notified and advised what happens next</li> </ul>	<p>... child can continue to attend</p>
... my child has travelled abroad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ If your child is required to quarantine (as per current Government advice), contact school/setting to inform us</li> <li>→ If your child is not required to quarantine, they can return to school/setting</li> <li>→ You should not arrange a test for COVID-19 unless your child develops symptoms</li> </ul>	<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>