

ASH GREEN WEEKLY NEWS



2 July 2021

Another challenging week for schools up and down the country. In Calderdale, there are schools with only 1 class OPEN! We will continue to follow the guidance we have to work with, do our best to keep children safe but also do our utmost to keep our children in school- we have had far fewer bubbles closed than any other school that we know. We know we will be faced with more issues as we go forward and that is out of our control. We thank the great majority of parents for their incredible support and all hope that- IF SAFE- the guidance changes to keep bubbles in school if individuals fall ill. We will obviously keep you all fully up to speed! Have a great weekend and stay safe.

BIG SCHOOL TRIP

Date	Class	Destination
Tues 6 July	5B	Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Thurs 8 July	5W	Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Mon 12 July	1W	Ogden Water
Tues 13 July	1RM	Ogden Water
Thurs 15 July	4S & 4H	Airtime

ASH GREEN CYCLING HOLIDAY COURSES

What's on at Ash Green Upper Site for children's cycling during the summer?
Week commencing 23 August.

Balance bikes	Learning the skills of riding a balance bike through games and exercises. For age 5-9 years.
Learn to ride	A full day learn to ride course. From balance bikes to pedal bikes. Age 5-9 years.
Bikeability 1	A National Standard Level 1 course for riders looking to develop skills for the road. Age 7-10 years.
Bikeability 2	A National Standard Level 2 course introducing riders to the road. Age 9-14 years.

All courses are FREE and food will be provided but places are limited. Consent forms will be sent home on Monday with your child. For further information on times and places please contact bikeability@calderdale.gov.uk

GODBYE CODLUK!

At the end of this term, as every year, we will say a very fond farewell to staff who are moving on. Our wonderful Nursery teacher Miss Sayle- who has taught generations of Mixenden children will retire after 32 years of wonderful work. We wish her a very happy retirement. Also retiring, is our fantastic Upper Site Administrator Mrs Yardley who has worked at the site for 17 years, again our very best wishes for a happy retirement.

On the teaching side we bid a fond farewell to Mrs Main and Miss Hopkins. Mrs Main has secured a teaching post nearer home, she will be brilliant! Miss Hopkins is having an exciting career change and we hope this works out wonderfully too!

Next week, we will explain who will teach which class next year. To confirm though we have made 3 wonderful appointments in Miss Richardson and Mrs Beaumont (already working brilliantly in school now) and a new teacher Miss Coady who comes with a fabulous reputation.

We also want to give massive thanks to Mrs Nutter and Miss Higgins who have worked supporting children who leave us in July. Their skill, dedication and love has been vital. Good luck!

COVID-19 UPDATE

Once again we have faced very difficult decisions this week. All decisions taken are not only right but essential - we HAVE to follow the guidance given as a Local Authority school. On Wednesday we had to close a bubble - 2W - due to a positive test. The last point of contact for that child meant that 2W WOULD have returned next Friday 9th July. Sadly, and please let us all remember this is a young child's health we are dealing with, a further child in that bubble was confirmed positive yesterday. That child was within 2W on Wednesday so all the children in 2W on Wednesday are potential contacts and have to isolate now until Saturday 10th July. Clearly, it is up to individual parents and families to administer that isolation - I cannot enforce that but only advise - but we cannot reopen a bubble that mixed together on Wednesday with a confirmed case any time before Monday 12th July. Clearly, it is up to 2W families how they ensure isolation - it will reduce the risk of further transmission which is worryingly high in our area at the moment - but 2W will reopen on Monday 12th July. Further to this: we have had 2 children test positive for Covid 19 in the last few days but neither of those children have been within school for a period of time before their symptoms started which would close a bubble. Both children were already isolating as Covid 'contacts' for more than 2 days away from school before they became symptomatic. Again, we have to follow guidance here which is NOT to close a bubble after that length of 'non-contact'.

We appreciate what a worrying time this is for everyone and, believe me, every day trying to manage this in school is extremely difficult. You will have seen in the news that there is a possible change coming in regards to self-isolation for children. In the meantime, we have to follow guidance to keep our children and families safe, to reduce the risk of transmission but also to try and keep your children's education as unaffected as we can.

Our Year 6 farewell celebrations will conclude on 9th July where we will have a Leavers' Celebration Day including a filmed celebration presentation. Year 6 class staff have been in touch with parents regarding Zoom links to watch live and all families will also 'see' their child on Seesaw. Each child will receive, free of charge, a 2021 Leavers' Hoodie and have a personal tribute given. The children will then have a free buffet lunch in their own Hall. If your child is usually on PAID school meals just do not pay for Friday!!

That day, all children going to Park Lane and Trinity Academy Halifax will leave us, starting at their new school on Monday 12th July.

The other Year 6 children will in our school on the 16th with Mr Heppenstall at the Lower Site and Mrs Haider at the Upper Site.



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	...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 → Arrange a test for anyone in the household with symptoms → Inform school/setting about test result	→ Do not come to school/setting → Contact school/setting to inform us → Self-isolate the whole household including siblings → Arrange a test for anyone in the household with symptoms → Inform school/setting about test result they feel well enough to do so, and after 48 hours
...my child has a runny nose, sore throat, headache, sickness or diarrhoea but doesn't have	→ Contact school/setting to inform us if your child won't be attending → Ring on each day of illness	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 <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 	...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 <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 	...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	→ Do not come to school/setting → 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	<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 if 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>