

ASH GREEN WEEKLY NEWS



16 July 2021

Next week is our last week. The LA have advised schools remain in bubbles and this is what we will be doing. Explanation for this is further down the page. After August 16th, when Under 18s and DOUBLE-JABBED adults are no longer counted as contacts, that will be when single cases in school will not result in bubble closures. However, we are still awaiting guidance about how these instances will, or will not, be reported. We will all look forward to not having to close bubbles for individual Covid cases of course but we will certainly not be relaxing our standards of hygiene and safety and this is shown by the fact that we are keeping on additional cleaning staff and Midday Supervisors and planning to retain a system where we have staggered playtimes and lunch sittings to enable more space for children to play and less risk of transmission. Have a great weekend and stay safe.

HAF NEWS!

There will be FREE Holiday Activities in the weeks commencing: 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th August.

These activities will be open to families of children eligible for Free School Meals.

More details will be sent out very soon of how to engage with the activities which will be based in Mixenden.

The bid has been successfully won by Ash Green Children's Centre.

LOOK OUT...

for more details via our app and leaflets and invites to come home.

TRANSITION DAY

It has been fantastic for our children to meet their new staff in their new classrooms today and get a taste of next year after such a tough year for us all. Fingers crossed that we can keep all children in next week and finish the year on a high!



COVID-19 UPDATE

We have had a fantastic week so far and next week is our last of the year. To confirm, in line with Local Authority guidance, next week we will change nothing regarding bubbles and potential isolation. The children will remain working in class bubbles and for play and lunch as they have so successfully all year. This clearly minimises the risk of any potential transmission to within one class.

We are desperately hoping that there will be NO positive cases between now and the 23rd July but in the unfortunate event of there being a positive case, we would close that class bubble as we have had to do on a small handful of occasions this year. It is still legal requirement for contacts of a positive case to self-isolate. If we did have to close a bubble next week then that would mean an early end to the school term for that class and members of that bubble would be asked to isolate for 10 days. The latest guidance is that from 16th August, Under 18s and double jabbed adults would not be classed as contacts and that schools would NOT then close bubbles for a single case. We will know more about this strategy well before September and will update parents and carers as always.

GADGETS IN SCHOOL



On the last day of term children do NOT need to wear school uniform and can bring toys and games to school.

This can be an electronic device as long as it cannot take photographs. This will be the responsibility of your child – please send a permission note in on the day.

CYCLING COURSES

All children who have returned forms have secured a place on their chosen cycling course.

Next week, we will be in touch to confirm dates and times and send you back your completed form which children should take with them on the day of the course. You will also get details of the course professionals-telephone numbers and email.

All courses will be at the Upper Site and food will be provided for lunch on full day courses.



As every year, we will finish at 2.15 with all class staff working through lunch to serve the buffet lunch in classes that children will have as a treat. All children on school lunches will access the buffet and our catering teams will provide enough so that children on packed lunches can also have some extra treats!



WE BREAK UP FOR THE

SUMMER

NEXT FRIDAY 23RD JULY AT 2.15

CHILDREN WILL RETURN ON TUESDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

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>