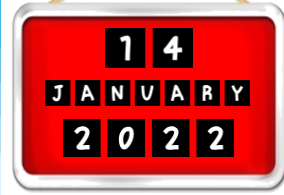


ASH GREEN WEEKLY NEWS



Thank you to everyone for their incredible support again this week. We have had very high levels of staff absence and many children off but the children in school have been brilliant, the staff have worked tirelessly and the support we have from you, the community, has helped us to have another terrific week in school against all odds! If your child is at home at present please keep communicating with class staff on EEXAt (EY) and Seesaw (KS1 and 2) to ensure that work is being set appropriately.



DINO MITE VISIT

Our lucky Reception children had a visit from some prehistoric creatures yesterday!

They had chance to 'meet' baby dinosaurs and took part in a range of activities to support their topic work.



The children were absolutely fascinated and behaved beautifully.

TOFFEE TOWN TREAT

Next week our Year 1 children will have a special treat with a museum expert working with them around their Toffee Town topic as they learn about the rich- and tasty- history of Halifax.

REMINDER

All newsletters and current Risk Assessments are on our website, www.ashgreen.info. You can also find out on the website what each class are studying each half term in each subject to help support children's learning.

PARKING



Could we respectfully ask that motorists take great care when parking for our Lower Site on Ash Tree Road and Sunnybank Road? There have been occasions when access has been blocked for residents including where medical professionals have needed access. Thank you.

REMINDER

Application closing date for school places in Reception Class September 2022 is 15 January 2022. PLEASE make sure you have applied for a school place if your child is currently in NURSERY.

The website is <http://www.calderdale.gov.uk/admissions>. You can also contact Primary Admissions on 01422 392617 for further advice and guidance.

Alternatively ring our school office on 01422 244613 and we will be happy to help.

SCHOOL DAYS SCHOOL DAYS SCHOOL DAYS

HALF TERM	CLOSE — FRIDAY 18 FEBRUARY	RE-OPEN — MONDAY 28 FEBRUARY
EASTER	CLOSE — FRIDAY 8 APRIL	RE-OPEN MONDAY 25 APRIL
MAY DAY — CLOSE — MONDAY 2 MAY		
ADDITIONAL ROYAL BANK HOLIDAY	MONDAY 6 JUNE	TRAINING DAY — TUESDAY 7 JUNE
HALF TERM	CLOSE — FRIDAY 27 MAY	RE-OPEN WEDNESDAY 8 JUNE
MID-SUMMER	CLOSE — FRIDAY 22 JULY	

KEEPING CALDERDALE SAFE DURING COVID-19

If you have been in contact with someone with COVID-19

- You are legally required to self-isolate for 10 days **unless you are fully vaccinated**, or you are **below the age of 18 years 6 months**
 - If you are not required to isolate, you should take a Lateral Flow test **every day for 7 days**, or until 10 days since your last contact with the person who tested positive for COVID-19 if this is earlier. Children under the age of 5 are not advised to take part in daily Lateral Flow testing.
 - Take a single **PCR test as soon as possible** while you are self-isolating. However, if you have previously received a positive COVID-19 PCR test result within the last 90 days you should not take another PCR test unless you develop symptoms. When there is a surge in COVID-19 cases it may be difficult for people without symptoms to book a PCR test slot locally. If you aren't able to book a PCR test, it's important to keep doing daily Lateral Flow tests
 - Remain vigilant to COVID-19 symptoms (see below)
 - Limit close contact with other people outside the household, especially in crowded, enclosed or poorly ventilated spaces
 - Limit contact with anyone who is at higher risk of severe illness if infected with COVID-19
 - Wear a face covering in enclosed spaces and where you are unable to maintain social distancing if you are 11 or over
 - Stay away from people who are clinically vulnerable as much as possible
- Remember that vaccination reduces, but does not eliminate, the risk of acquiring and transmitting infection.

If anyone in your household develops COVID-19 symptoms

- The person must stay at home and self-isolate and seek a PCR test. Do not rely on a negative Lateral Flow test as these tests are not as accurate in picking up COVID-19 in people with symptoms.
- The most important symptoms of COVID-19 are recent onset of any of the following:
 - a new continuous cough
 - a high temperature
 - a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If anyone in your household tests positive for COVID-19

- Anyone who tests positive on a PCR is required to stay at home and self-isolate in line with national guidance.
- From 11th January, as a temporary measure, anyone who tests positive on a Lateral Flow test will be required to self-isolate immediately and does not need to take a confirmatory PCR test.
- Everyone else in the household should follow the above guidance for people who have been in contact with a case.
- Locally, we advise that where someone in the household has tested positive, school-aged children should undertake daily Lateral Flow testing for 7 days (in line with national guidance) but that they should stay off school until after they have taken their Day 3 Lateral Flow test, returning on Day 3 only if tests on Day 1-3 are negative.=

Understanding your self-isolation period following a positive COVID-19 test

- Your isolation period includes the day your symptoms started (or the day your test was taken if you do not have symptoms), and the next 10 full days.
- From Monday 17 January, people who are self-isolating with COVID-19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.
- The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.
- If the result of either or their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.
- Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Support to self-isolate

- If anyone in your household tests positive for COVID-19 or is told to isolate as a contact of a case, support is available.
- Support with practical tasks like shopping and collecting medications is available if you are unable to leave the house and don't have any family or friends that can help. For more information visit <https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/coronavirus/help/advice> or ring **01422 392890** if you don't have access to the internet.

You may be eligible for financial assistance of £500 if you are unable to go to work because you are isolating and will lose income as a result. For more information visit <https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/coronavirus-covid-19/help-people-and-communities/test-and-trace-support-payment> or ring **01422 288003** if you don't have access to the internet.

This situation is constantly evolving- I am doing my best to keep abreast of it and also to ensure everyone has the most up to date information!!! Mr Sheppard.