

ASH GREEN WEEKLY NEWS



PRIMARY SCHOOL



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We cannot wait to see all our children back in school on the 8th but please remember that children cannot attend if they are displaying any symptoms of Covid 19 (see accompanying advice on next page) or if they have been in contact with a positive case or someone in the household is displaying symptoms and has not yet had a negative test result. As more and more of the population are vaccinated we all hope to see Covid cases reduce further but we are stuck with it for some time to come so it is vital that we stop the spread by ensuring in school we have nobody who could transmit the virus to others.



WIDER REOPENING AND STAYING SAFE

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on March 8th.

Entrances and exits will be exactly as they were in Autumn Term to ensure bubbles are kept separate. The times of the school day will also ensure that we are keeping everyone safe.

Just 3 children should be dropped off at 8.35 and picked up at 11.30 (morning session) and dropped off at 12.05 and collected at 3.00 (afternoon session). Remember that the Just 3 entrance is on Sunnybank Road- signposted in orange!

Nursery sessions at each site will remain as 8.45-11.45 and 12.30-3.30 and we fully support families with more than one sibling by enabling Nursery children to be dropped between 8.45 and 9.00 and picked up between 3.15 and 3.30.

Reception to Year 6 sees the school day run from 9.00-3.15 with doors opening from 8.45 to enable children to come in and read with their free breakfast bagel and to ensure the flow of adults in the school grounds is smooth.

If children can come in on their own in Key Stage 2 then that is very helpful and please support us by only having one adult to bring and collect children to reduce the numbers in and around school.

Our structures in the school day will keep everyone safe and will ensure that every possible measure to reduce risks is in place. We have continued to employ additional cleaners through the day, additional Midday Supervisors to clean the Dining Hall after every class sitting and to deploy senior leaders to support before and after school movement of children and families.

All staff are taking twice weekly Lateral Flow Tests to ensure that no members of staff are in school carrying the virus.

We will continue to have separate class bubbles and our latest risk Assessment for March 8th wider reopening will be on the website on Monday after governor approval today.

GETTING READY!



Our staff - in and amongst everything else - will be working hard next week to get the classrooms absolutely ship shape for children returning in larger numbers.

I have heard of some schools actually closing for a day to do this and suspending all learning! We will certainly not be doing this - school is open all week and Remote Learning will be set each day.

I have said to teachers that I am happy for them to slightly reduce online feedback next week as I want them to have sufficient space and time for Ash Green to be in totally tip-top condition for the 8th!

BREAKFAST PACKS AND BOOK SWAP

This Monday will be our last Monday breakfast collection with all children back the week after.

So, please do come between 10 and 11 to pick up free bagels and cereal and why not pick up a book from our extensive staff donations?!

We will also be making breakfast packs available on Thursday 1st April to support families over Easter.



How sad that next week we will only have 25% of children in school for Book Week but we can still invite everyone to participate! The activities on Tapestry (EY) and Seesaw (KS1 and 2) will have a book theme and then on Friday we invite everyone to get 'toggled up' as a favourite book or film character whether in school or not!

Teachers will holding Zoom sessions that day so that children at home can feel part of the festivities in school where children and staff will be dressed up!

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

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...

<p>...my child has one or more of the main COVID-19 symptoms</p>	<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 	<p>...the test comes back negative</p> <p>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>...my child has a runny nose, sore throat, headache, sickness or diarrhoea but doesn't have any of the main COVID-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Contact school or setting to inform us if your child won't be attending → Ring on each day of illness 	<p>... they feel well enough to do so, and after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea</p>
<p>... my child tests positive for COVID-19</p>	<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 - For anyone with symptoms: this is for at least 10 days from when they started with symptoms 	<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>
<p>... I am unable to get a test for my child within 5 days of them developing symptoms of COVID-19</p>	<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 - 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>
<p>...my child tests negative for COVID-19</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Contact school/setting to inform us → Discuss with us when your child can come back 	<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)
<p>...someone in my household (other than my child) has COVID-19 symptoms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → 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 	<p>... the test comes back negative or ten days have passed since the person started with symptoms</p>

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...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>
... 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 Contact school/setting to inform us</p>	<p>...you are informed that restrictions are lifted, and shielding is paused again</p>