



# Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

## Our Weekly Newsletter

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FRIDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2020

### RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

#### Article 2

"The convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language abilities or any other status."

In school we promote the mutual respect of all children, regardless of background, heritage or any other status. Our School Code of Conduct outlines our expectations.

### STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

**School is closed tomorrow- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October for Staff Development.** School will be closed to pupils. We reopen again at the usual time on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October.

### P7 AQE REGISTRATION

**P7 pupil REGISTRATION for AQE will close on FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER 2020 at 4.00pm.** The closing date for applications for Access Arrangements will also close on Friday 9th October at 4.00pm.

The Assessment dates have now moved to **Saturday 9th January, Saturday 16th January and Saturday 23rd January.** You do not need to re-register your child if you have already done so.

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**Learning, Caring, Growing Stronger Together**

## CORONAVIRUS – KEEP VIGILANT

I thank our parents and families for remaining vigilant against symptoms of Coronavirus. I'm sure you have heard on the news of how an increasing number of schools have been impacted by partial or whole school closures. I encourage you to keep communicating with us if your child is unwell and of course if your child (or any member of your household) displays symptoms of Coronavirus to obtain a test.

As a reminder, you should send an email to school on the first day of absence and follow this up with a brief email when your child is due to return. Please email us on [info@ashgroveps.newtownabbey.ni.sch.uk](mailto:info@ashgroveps.newtownabbey.ni.sch.uk). If your child is unwell, they may return to school if they have a negative result and have not had a fever for 48 hours.

**If your child is tested for Coronavirus, you must email us a copy of your test result (both positive and negative results).**

Children may attend school if they have a light cold. It is only when children have a heavy cold should they stay at home until they are well enough to return to school.

We have received a number of queries from parents for advice on what to do if a household member is symptomatic... I have included on the next page steps you should follow for various scenarios and also given this guidance below...

### **SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS**

- Do not send your child to school
- The household member should book a covid test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about the test result

### **WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN TO SCHOOL?**

Your child can return to school if the symptomatic household member's test is negative and they haven't been advised to self-isolate by PHA Contact Tracing Service.

### **MY CHILD HAS SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19**

- Do not send your child to school
- Book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about the test result

### **WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN TO SCHOOL?**

Your child can return to school if the test is negative, providing they are well enough, have not had a fever for 48 hours and if they haven't been advised to self isolate by PHA Contact Tracing Service.



# INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Everyone has a role to play in keeping our schools safe and helping to stop the spread of COVID-19.

**DON'T SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS.**

**VISIT [NIDIRECT.GOV.UK/](https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/) CORONAVIRUS TO BOOK A TEST ONLINE. CALL 119 IF YOU CANNOT BOOK A TEST ONLINE.**

## YOU SHOULD BOOK A COVID-19 TEST IF YOUR CHILD HAS:

### A HIGH TEMPERATURE

This means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature).

OR

### A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH

This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).

OR

### A LOSS OR CHANGE TO THEIR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE

This means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

**IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 BUT HAS OTHER COLD-LIKE SYMPTOMS, SUCH AS A RUNNY NOSE, THEY DO NOT NEED TO BE TESTED AND THEY OR MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD DO NOT NEED TO SELF-ISOLATE. YOUR CHILD CAN ATTEND SCHOOL IF FIT TO DO SO.**

## HERE'S WHAT TO DO IF:

### YOUR CHILD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

#### WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

#### WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school if the test is negative providing they are well enough, have not had a fever for 48 hours and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

### YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

#### WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result
- Self-isolate for at least 10 days as advised by the PHA.

#### WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school after 10 days even if they still have a cough / loss of smell or taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks.

### SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

#### WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- The household member should book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

#### WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school if the symptomatic household member's test is negative and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

### SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

#### WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result

#### WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms\*.

### CONTACT TRACING HAS IDENTIFIED MY CHILD AS A CLOSE CONTACT

#### WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for at least 14 days as advised by the PHA Contact Tracing Service

#### WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms\*.

### YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE CONTACT

#### WHAT TO DO?

- Attend school as normal
- If your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms they should carry on with normal activities.

### YOUR CHILD HAS TRAVELLED ABROAD AND HAS TO SELF-ISOLATE

#### WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for 14 days in line with quarantine advice

#### WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms\*.

\*If your child has been identified as a close contact of a case of COVID-19, or has returned from travel abroad and is self-isolating, they must self-isolate for 14 days regardless of a negative COVID-19 test result.

Further information, including **Frequently Asked Questions for Parents and Carers**, can be found on the Department of Education's website at [www.education-ni.gov.uk](https://www.education-ni.gov.uk)

## EDUCATION RESTART



# SAFEGUARDING REMINDERS

## HIGH IMPORTANCE

In Ashgrove Primary School we have a very clear and comprehensive suite of Safeguarding Policies which not only outline the steps we will take if concerns are raised but also share the preventative measures we take to safeguard all children in our care.

Staff in school work hard to safeguard our pupils, but parents and carers also have responsibility to safeguard the children in our school. As a general reminder, I draw your attention to the following:

- **The Designated Teacher for Child Protection is Mrs Luney, P5 and the Deputy Designated Teacher for Child Protection is Mrs Coulter, P1.** Posters are displayed prominently in and about school showing the Safeguarding Team.
- In these times of COVID, adults from home must not enter the building unless a prior appointment has been made. At this, you must not enter the building if you have any symptoms of coronavirus.
- Children should arrive to school on time (this ensures supervision). Late children should come to Reception where a member of staff will check temperatures and escort junior pupils to classrooms, senior pupils may walk themselves to class. Outside adults are not permitted to walk children to classrooms.
- Medication will not be administered in school unless parents/carers complete the appropriate consent forms and these have been signed by the Principal.
- Visitors entering the school building are asked to report to Reception and sign-in. From there, Kerrie or Tracey in the Office will be happy to help you.
- Outside adults should not use the toilets in school without prior consent.
- We have some children in school who can not have their photographs taken or shared in social media.
- If using social media, please do not share pictures from see-saw or mention pupils by name.
- For the safety of everyone, adults should observe the speed limit in the carpark and park with care. It is the responsibility of drivers to put safety first.
- Please remember to send a healthy break or snack to with your child to school – it's difficult to concentrate with a hungry tummy!



## COOL FOR SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS



# Cool for School Photography

"To have your child's photo taken you **must** register!"

Get ready for  
**PHOTODAY!**

Register now so you can view your photos for free on your phone, as soon as they are ready. Just follow these three simple steps.

We will be taking photos in your child's school on:

**15th & 16th October**

Please register by **7pm** on the day before your Photoshoot



### STEP 1

Grab your phone and go to [orders.coolforschoolphotography.com](https://orders.coolforschoolphotography.com)

### STEP 2

Enter your unique school code.

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### STEP 3

Choose **your child's** class from drop down menu. Fill in **Pupil's** name and complete the other email and mobile information.



That's it! You will receive an email and/or SMS with instructions when photos are ready to view.

Your contact details will be securely stored and kept private, due to strict GDPR compliance. Feel free to visit our webpage for further information. If you have any queries, please contact our friendly customer service team on ... 02892683966



## SCHOOL DINNER MENU, £2.60 PER DAY

### VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE

<p><b><u>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October</u></b> Ham &amp; Cheese Baguette, Carrot Sticks &amp; Apple Juice ~ Strawberry Muffin &amp; Watermelon Slice</p>	<p><b><u>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October</u></b> Chicken &amp; Salad Sandwich &amp; Bottled Water ~ Vanilla Rice Pot &amp; Fruit Cocktail</p>
<p><b><u>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October</u></b> Cheese &amp; Tomato Bagel, Salad Pot &amp; Bottled Water ~ Yoghurt &amp; Fresh Fruit Pot</p>	<p><b><u>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October</u></b> Sweet Chilli Chicken Baguette, Cucumber Sticks &amp; Milk ~ Chocolate Brownie &amp; Pineapple Slice</p>
<p><b><u>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October</u></b> BBQ Chicken Wrap, Vegetable Rice Pot &amp; Bottled Water ~ Yoghurt &amp; Shortbread</p>	<p>School meals are only available to those entitled to Free School Meals at present.</p> <p>School meals for the week ahead should be booked online via SchoolMoney.</p>

## PRIMARY 1 LUNCHES

Our new P1 pupils have stayed for lunch this week – it is great to have our new boys and girls in school for a longer day... Please remember to send a packed lunch to school next week too.

## PARENT & CARER CONTACT INFORMATION

There are occasions in which we need to contact parents or carers during the school day or to share information with you such as notes, newsletters and appointments. It is very important we have the correct contact details for you. **Please ensure we have your correct mobile number and email address.**

If you need to update this, you should inform the school Office by emailing [klamont306@c2kni.net](mailto:klamont306@c2kni.net)  
Thank you for your help with this.

## RECOGNISE & REMOVE CONCUSSION

The Department of Education has shared with parents information on recognising the signs of concussion. These may include:

- A headache
- Feeling dazed or drowsy or sleepy
- Feeling sick
- Feeling irritable
- Having difficulty remembering things
- Any other change in normal behaviour

