



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

Article 16 (right to privacy) "Every child has the right to privacy. The law should protect every child's private, family and home life, including protecting children from unlawful attacks that harm their reputation."

HALF TERM HOLIDAY...

Please remember school is **CLOSED** for Half Term the week commencing Monday 15th February. No online learning activities will be set this week. I hope our pupils, staff and parents use this time for some respite from online activities.

Online learning will resume from Monday 22nd February. At present, we hope school will restart for face-to-face learning and teaching on Monday 8th March. However, the Minister of Education has made clear this may change and is dependent on transmission rates and other factors. When we receive updates on this I will of course keep you informed.

Next Friday (12.02.21) will be a **Screen Free Day**... teachers will share a selection of activities which may be completed without tablets or computers. Thursday (11.0.21) will be a Consolidation Day – an opportunity to complete and catch up on work not yet completed. Some teachers may provide some revision tasks, but no new learning concepts will be posted on this day.

KEY WORKER PROVISION OVER HALF TERM

The Department of Education shared the following with schools this morning... "Following consultation with the Department for Health, it is the Department's expectation that all schools will take their scheduled holidays over the February mid-term and Easter breaks, when parents would be expected to have made their normal arrangements for childcare".

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P7 POST PRIMARY TRANSFER INTERVIEWS

To help our P7 parents, I would like to offer you the opportunity to speak with me about school choices for next year. These consultations are entirely voluntary. These will be done by phone-call on the following dates:

- Week commencing Monday 22nd February
- Week commencing Monday 1st March
- Week commencing Monday 8th March

Appoints must be booked online. You must book your selected appointment time yourself, these will be booked on a first come first served basis.

To help with the smooth running of appointments I kindly ask that you keep yourself free 10 minutes before and after your allocated time, school will ring you. To get the most out of your appointment, please come to the meeting having already considered school options. Before booking your appointment, please complete the attached Google Form which will help our conversations.

<https://forms.gle/jiKUNbp4queBU8HbA>

Appointments will be allocated for 15 minutes each and must be booked online via our website, please click the link below:

<https://www.ashgroveprimary.com/eventbooker/event-4/>

A password, to access the booking system has been emailed to all p7 parents earlier this week.

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL/ REMOTE LEARNING

Thank you for continuing to communicate with us about absence from school (or in the present context, absence from Remote Learning). We are required to monitor levels of engagement, which thankfully in Ashgrove, are on the whole high.

If your child is absent from school/remote learning it is important you continue to communicate with us. To help with this, I have added to the Homepage of our website a Googleform to report an absence. Thank you for keeping us informed.

PARENT SURVEY – ONLINE & REMOTE PROVISION

The consultation survey for parents on our Online & Remote Learning Provision closes today. Thank you to the many parents who have gave us your feedback. I will share with you a summary of the survey in due course. We will use your feedback to reflect on our provision, celebrate good practice and plan for further areas of development.

As part of your feedback we will continue to send home paper packs of work for completion. The next set of paperpacks may be collected on the following dates:

- **P6&7 Monday 15th February**
- **P1&2 Monday 22nd February**
- **P3-5 Tuesday 23rd February**

Teachers will give instructions as to how the packs are to be used... please don't complete the work at random. Teachers will give you guidance.



SAFER INTERNET DAY

Safer Internet Day is on **Tuesday 9th February**. Never before has this issue been more important or relevant for our young people. The theme for Safer Internet Day this year is **“An Internet we can trust; Exploring reliability in an Online World.”**

Our #SaferInternetDay Top Tips

Question the source

Consider where your online information has come from and if you know the person sharing it



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Fact or fiction

Opinions you see online are just that, you don't have to follow them and your opinion is just as important



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