



RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

Article 1

"Everyone under the age of 18 has all the rights in the Convention."

We are working hard in school to raise awareness of the rights of the child, we continue to teach about Rights in class and highlight Rights on displays...

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

As a reminder, school is closed for Staff Development on Friday 27th September. Please remember refer to our Holiday List and Calendar Section of our website to keep up to date with all that's happening in our busy school.

ILLNESS, COLDS & FLU...

At the start of a new academic year it is not uncommon for children to experience cold or flu symptoms. If your child is not well enough to attend school e.g. heavy cold or flu, please keep them at home until they are better, This is not only in the best interests of your child but it also helps to prevent the spread of the cold and flu to others in class.

If your child is absent from school, for any reason, please keep us informed on the first day of absence. You can simply complete the Absence Report form on the homepage of our website or by clicking the link below:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSedPdbwQMkBPnS7DbOT7RQw9tWuSaDjffPTNfmnGmytqMpQ/vi
ewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSedPdbwQMkBPnS7DbOT7RQw9tWuSaDjffPTNfmnGmytqMpQ/viewform)

We are required by the Department of Education to record a reason for ALL absences from school. **When your child returns to school, please follow this up with a brief note to the class teacher.**

Mrs Carberry and I regularly monitor the attendance of all children and will write to parents if this is a concern.

GUESTS IN THE SCHOOL BUILDING & PREMISES

For obvious Safeguarding and Child Protection reasons parents, guests, workmen etc must all enter the school buildings & premises via Reception. If Mrs O'Donnell is not at Reception, please wait until a member of staff greets you. It is important that all adults in school **signed-in** and **sign-out** meaning we know who is in the premises this is for Fire Safety requirements. This includes guests to the mobile classrooms.

Although schools fulfil a public function, they are private places, meaning the public has no automatic right of entry. Schools therefore act to ensure they remain a safe place for pupils, staff and others in the premises. We thank all our parents and guests to school in helping us make our school safe and welcoming for everyone.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Our annual school photographs took place yesterday. Thank you for giving consent online. **If your child was absent from school for any reason and did not get their photograph taken, Cool For School are returning to Ashgrove in January** – any missed photographs may be taken then. Once we receive the photographs they will be sent home with your child, this may take a few weeks.

FLU IMMUNISATION PROGRAMME

The Flu Vaccination programme in schools will be going ahead this year in the Autumn Term. The date set by the community nurse to administer this in Ashgrove is **Monday 7th October**.

The School Health Team will be visiting the school on **07.10.24** for the flu immunisation programme. Consent forms will be sent home to you with children in the coming weeks. **Flu vaccination forms were due to be returned to school by today (13.09.24) at the latest. If any outstanding forms are not with the school by 9.30am on 16.09.24, we will be unable to process your information and you will need to arrange the vaccination with your own GP.**

The programme has been introduced to give protection to children against flu, which can be a very unpleasant illness and can mean that they have to take time off school. It will also help to stop the spread of flu and so will protect people around them as well. The vaccine is usually given to children by a simple **spray into their nose** and they can return to their lessons very quickly afterwards.

Information about the programme and leaflets in other languages can be found at: <http://www.fluawareni.info>

A short video aimed at children explaining the programme has been developed by the Public Health Agency and can be found on the following link: Vaccinate kids as the first line of defence against flu

What are the arrangements for parents consenting to vaccinations?

The Trust school nursing teams will provide schools with an envelope for parents that contains a letter explaining the programme, the PHA flu vaccine for children information leaflet and a consent form for signature.

P5-7 PERMISSION TO WALK HOME

Thank you to our P5-7 parents and carers who have completed our online permission slip for children to walk home unaccompanied. This closing date for the submission of this form was on Monday of this week, this online form is now closed. We have shared this information with staff who supervise children leaving the school grounds.

If in the following weeks and months ahead, you choose to give permission for your P5-7 child to leave school unaccompanied, you must inform us in writing.

Please be aware that we can not release pupils into the care of juniors aged 16 or below.

As you know, we have worked hard to establish a safe routine for the dismissal of children at the end of the school day. **We ask that you remind you child each day what their arrangements are for home time. If an adult is collecting them, please tell them who it will be.**



16 HABITS OF MIND

In school over the past couple of years we have worked with our children to develop a positive mindset and resilience with their learning. Some of the Habits of Mind we have focused on with our children are: Persisting, Striving for Accuracy, Thinking & Communicating with Clarity & Precision, Asking Great Questions, Responding with Wonderment & Awe!

Today in Senior Assembly we shared with our pupils a new Habit of Mind –

Applying Past Knowledge to New Situations!

This habit is all about helping children recognise that the lessons they've learned in previous experiences can be valuable in solving new problems or challenges. When children draw upon past knowledge, they become more resourceful and confident in their ability to tackle new situations. Whether it's a maths problem that resembles one they've solved before, a similar pattern in a story they've read, or even using a strategy from a previous project, this habit fosters both resilience and critical thinking.

Why is it important?

In both academic settings and life beyond school, the ability to apply past experiences to unfamiliar scenarios is crucial. It empowers students to become independent learners and problem-solvers, rather than relying on being given step-by-step instructions. By reflecting on their previous learning, students can recognize patterns, make connections, and develop strategies that work in various contexts.



How can you support this at home?

You can encourage your child to use this habit in everyday life by asking them questions like:

- "Have you ever done something similar before?"
- "What do you already know that could help here?"
- "Can you think of a time when you faced something like this, and how did you handle it?"

Simple conversations like these help children see the value of their own knowledge and experiences, reminding them that what they've already learned can help them move forward in new situations.

Do you ever talk to yourself and reflect?



Applying Past Knowledge to New Situations

Use what you Learn!

Accessing prior knowledge, transferring knowledge beyond the situation in which it was learnt.

16 Habits of Mind



PARENTS & SAFEGUARDING

All adults in school have a role to play in Safeguarding our children – making sure they are safe and happy not only in school but in all other part of their lives.

As a school, we are legally obliged to protect the best interests and safeguard of all our pupils. As part of effective safeguarding, we have key policies which our parents must be aware of, these include:

- Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy
- Intimate Care Policy
- Anti-Bullying Policy
- Complains Policy
- Positive Behaviour Policy
- Administration of Medication Policy

It is important that parents and carers take the time to read these polices as by enrolling your child in school you are subscribing to these policies.

As parents and Carers you are required to inform the school:

- If your child has a medical condition or educational need;
- If there are any Court Orders relating to the safety or wellbeing of a parent or child;
- If there is a change in a child's circumstances for example – change of address, change of contact details, change of name or parental responsibility;
- If there are any changes to arrangements about who brings your child to and from school;
- Parents should contact the school if their child is absent (by completing the online Report an Absence Form) and send in a note on their child's return to school. This assures us that absences are genuine;
- It is essential that school has up-to-date contact details for all parents & carers.

More information on parental responsibility can be found online on the EA website, Safeguarding & Child Protection.

Next week, we will once again email to all parents enrolled in school our most recent Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy – please remember this is available at any time on our website.

*Thank you for your help promoting
our Safeguarding measures!*



PTFA NEWS

TUCK SHOP – THURSDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER (2PM ONWARDS)

We will be selling the remaining sweets, drinks and crisps (from our Summer Fair) next week, at reduced prices. If you would like to buy a sweet treat for the kids, please bring change with you. Don't delay, everything must go! Prices for treats to be posted on Facebook and around school by Monday 16th September.

CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS

Want to help raise money for Ashgrove when you shop? Look no further! Asda have partnered with Parentkind to help make millions of pounds available to every state school in the UK. Between 2nd September and 30th November 2024, every time you shop with Asda using your Rewards app, you can choose a primary school to receive a percentage of your spend. For information on how to join in, you can visit:

<https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>

CASH FOR CLOBBER

We are now accepting any of your pre-loved clothing and textiles (from bed linen and towels to curtains) in school as part of the 'Cash for Clobber' recycling scheme. Not only will we be supporting developed countries through textile recycling, but we can also raise money through this exciting initiative! Please ensure all donations are sent into school in a strong bin bag. There is no deadline to these donations – we will be accepting them all-year-round.

SECOND-HAND UNIFORM COLLECTION

We are also accepting any unwanted Ashgrove uniforms (jumpers, shirts, trousers, pinafores, skirts etc.) that your child(ren) have grown out of. We aim to stock up and run a second-hand uniform 'honesty box' event later in the school year. If you would like to donate, please ensure these items are bagged up and sent into school, preferably labelled with the age/size of the clothing, where appropriate.

MINDSET MASCOTS

This week we have started to share with our P1&2 pupils our new Ashgrove Mindset Mascots. So far we have met our Resilient Robin and Accurate Alpaca!





Ashgrove welcomes...

P1 Parents

to our

Coffee Morning

Monday 30th September

Refreshments will be served
in the dining hall from:

9.00am - 10.00am



EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

In Ashgrove we are celebrating the European Day of Languages on **Thursday 26th September**. Children may come to school dressed in the colours of their class country!

Year Group	Country	Colours
Primary 1	Poland	Red & White
Primary 2	Spain	Red & Yellow
Primary 3	Italy	Green, White & Red
Primary 4	Germany	Black, Red & Yellow
Primary 5	France	Blue, White & Red
Primary 6	Sweden	Yellow & Blue
Primary 7	Holland	Red, Silver & Blue

SCHOOL MEALS MENU

Monday 16th September

Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers with Baked Sweetcorn & Roasted Peppers, Chips or Baked Potato
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Ice Cream, Pears & Chocolate Sauce

Tuesday 17th September

Cottage Pie, Spring Greens/Roasted Butternut Squash, Oven Baked Wedges/Baked Potato
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Summer Fruit Cheesecake

Wednesday 18th September

Roast Chicken, Stuffing & Gravy with Carrots & Peas Mash & Oven Roast Potatoes
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Golden Krispie Square

Thursday 19th September

Beef Meatballs with Basil & Tomato Sauce, Green Beans/Baton Carrots with Steamed Rice/Pasta
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Sticky Date Pudding & Custard

Friday 20th September

Chippy Day! Chicken Goujons or Pork Sausages with Baked Beans/Mushy Peas, Chips/New Potatoes
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Frozen Fruit Yoghurt

PLEASE BOOK BOTH FREE AND PAID SCHOOL MEALS ONLINE VIS SCHOOLMONEY FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

