

Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

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Goodbye from Mr Nixon

Saying goodbye to Ashleigh at any time would be difficult and is made even more so by the current situation. I have been fortunate to spend just over five years as Headteacher at Ashleigh and have thoroughly enjoyed every moment of it. The school has achieved so much because of the amazing staff, parents, governors and children and I would like to thank all of you. I have been proud to work here and will leave with many fond memories.

I will keep this brief as, when things have returned back to normal, I will arrange to come back to say goodbye to the children and staff properly in school. I start my new role after Easter at which point Mrs Greenacre and Mrs Lacey will be sharing the role of Acting Headteacher. I know they and the staff will do a wonderful job.

I look forward to seeing the children again when we all return to school.

Best wishes Mr Nixon

Message from Mrs Greenacre and Miss Lacey

We are writing to thank you for the support you have given your children with their home-learning. The past week and a half has been a steep learning curve for us all and we thank you for your patience. Our aim is to ensure that pupils have access to a variety of engaging activities and parents and carers are well-supported throughout this new process.

In true Ashleigh spirit, the teachers have relished this new challenge and have worked extremely hard to populate online platforms at short notice. This is a working progress and we will continue to refine what we offer. We understand that many parents and carers have found this new approach challenging and we will be mindful of this moving forward.

In the meantime, please do not feel that you have to complete every lesson or activity set by the class teacher. It is important that children feel safe and supported during this uncertain time. We would therefore discourage completing any activities that are creating any pressure for both child and/or parent. Our key message for you now is: do what you can.

There will be no home-learning set over Easter however many classes have shared some simple activities to complete if you are unable to leave the house.

On behalf of everyone at Ashleigh Primary School & Nursery, we would like to wish you a very happy Easter.

Take care and keep safe,

Mrs Greenacre & Miss Lacey



Government Guidance for parents and carers: keeping children safe online

This provides links to online resources that will help support parents and carers in keeping their children safe online.

Full details can be found in section 6.3 of the guidance for parents and carers on the closure of educational settings:

- › <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

Coronavirus Update

- We will be closing today and plan to reopen on Monday 20th April.
- Those families who requested Easter childcare provision and are eligible will be accessing this at Robert Kett Primary School; **this must have been pre-booked direct with Robert Kett.**
- A link has been sent to all families who have previously applied and are eligible, if your circumstances have changed and you believe you would now be eligible, please contact the office via email.
- For new applicants, your child/ren will not be able to access Ashleigh provision until you have received confirmation to that effect.
- Thank you for your support and patience throughout these unprecedented circumstances.
- Take care and stay safe.

Staff Changes

- Mr Nixon sadly leaves us as Headteacher and we wish him every success in his new role.
- Miss Lacey and Mrs Greenacre will be temporary Joint Head Teachers, Mrs Miller will continue as an Assistant Head Teacher, Mr Finch as temporary Assistant Head Teacher, and Miss Webb as Temporary SENDCO.
- Mrs Botwright is also leaving, we'd like to wish her all the very best for the future.
- From 20th April Mrs Clarke, currently School Secretary, will be taking on the role of Office Manager, and Mrs Baker will be joining us in the role of Finance Officer.
- We're sure you will continue to welcome and support our Ashleigh team.

Baby News

- We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of Baby Walker, mum and baby are doing well, congratulations to Mr Walker and family!

School Lunches - [Nursery, Years 3-6 via Wisepay](#)

- If your child is accessing school provision during the school closure and you would normally order via Wisepay please do so as normal.



School Office Opening Times

- The school office will be manned between 9am and 5pm whilst keyworker children are in school.
- Please do not come into the office unless this is absolutely unavoidable, call us on 01953 602410 (answer machine facility) or email:
office@ashleigh.norfolk.sch.uk

Thank you for your support.

