

# Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter Date

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## Thank You

- We know that many parents have shown appreciation for the efforts made by school staff and we would like to add our thanks to the staff at Ashleigh who have shown remarkable dedication and transformed their working lives and methods of curriculum delivery, in such a short space of time.
- We would like to thank those of you who work for the NHS on behalf of our community. You are doing such a vital role and we hope that you will stay safe.
- We would also like to thank the parents/carers who are key workers providing the services that we need so badly at this time, whether that be those working in care, education, food supplies, transport, our utilities or other services that we usually take for granted.

## School Closure - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May Bank Holiday

- Please note that Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery will be **closed on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May** for the bank holiday.
- Keyworkers accessing childcare provision at Ashleigh on Fridays have been contacted separately.

## School Lunches - Nursery, Years 3-6 via Wisepay

- **Keyworker children** coming into Ashleigh during the day who normally order lunches via Wisepay, please continue to order in the same way.
- School provision has been organised to ensure social distancing for the children and staff, and hand-washing takes places regularly throughout the day. Please reinforce key messages about social distancing and hand-washing with your children at home.
- Children should be dropped off in the morning via Elm class, and collected from the office at all other times during the day.

## Reports Years 1-6

Reports for children in Years 1 to 6 have been emailed out to parents this week. Children in Nursery and Reception will receive Tapestry downloads later this term.

## 3-D Printing for the NHS

- Mr Gately has set up our new 3-D printer to make ear protectors for NHS staff. It takes about 30 minutes to print each one, and they are being donated to the Critical Care Team at the NNUH.



## School Radio

We have a very special radio show today! Philip Pullman, the author of the famous "His Dark Materials" series, agreed to answer some questions for us. Search for Ashleigh Radio on Spotify or Anchor.fm

## Reception Classes September 2020

- Apologies for the delay in sending out letters regarding Reception September 2020, these will be emailed out at the start of next week.
- We hope any initial questions you may have will be answered in the letter, and we will continue to update you as the situation continues to develop.

## Plastic Bottle Lids for Treehouse

Treehouse have requested donations of clean plastic bottle tops, if you would be able to wash and store any in a bag ready for when we reopen, that would be fantastic!

## FSM Voucher Scheme

- The next payment for Free School Meal vouchers will be 11<sup>th</sup> May.
- Please note that this will cover a **two week period** so £30 per child.
- Assuming schools remain closed, the next payment would therefore be Monday 25th May, this will be set up in advance so although it's half term you will still receive the vouchers.
- Thank you to everyone for your patience with this process.
- Please contact the school office with any queries.

## School Uniform Information

Please see separate information about ordering school uniform from Birds of Dereham.

## Home Learning

- 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 activity that creates pressure or tension for both child and/or parent. Our key message for you now is, "do what you can".
  - Please get in contact if you have any questions.
- Thank you for your continued support.

## E-Safety

At a time when children are likely to be spending increased time online for learning and keeping in touch with friends, you may find these websites useful:

[Net Aware](https://www.net-aware.org.uk/) - <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>



provides guidance around all the popular apps and games, including age and risk ratings.

#### **Thinkuknow** - <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

provides information on staying safe online as well as a range of educational resources that can be utilised for home learning.

## Free School Meals

- The government scheme of Free School Meal vouchers does not include Universal Free School Meal children, unless they qualify as below:
  - **Free School Meals** are available to pupils in receipt of, or whose parents are in receipt of, one or more of the following benefits:
    - Universal Credit (provided the family has an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to 3 of the most recent assessment periods);
    - Income Support;
    - Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance;
    - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance;
    - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999;
    - The guarantee element of Pension Credit;
    - Child Tax Credit (providing the family is not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190);
    - Working Tax Credit run on – paid for four weeks after a claimant stops qualifying for Working Tax Credit.
- Norfolk County Council are offering an online Free School Meals application service. Parents/carers can create an account at the below web address, to carry out a check on your entitlement:  
<https://fiso.norfolk.gov.uk/synergy/Enquiries/Citizen/FreeSchoolMeals.aspx>
- The information will be sent direct to the Free School Meal Application Team at Norfolk County Council. The school would then be notified of changes to the eligibility of children attending Ashleigh.

## Mental Health & Information Resources

- Use this website to find out how to access mental health advice and support for 0 -25's in Norfolk. You don't need a referral; you can get in touch straight away for advice. <https://justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/mentalhealth>
- MindEd educational resources for adults about children and young people's mental health, which is relevant for teachers, other professionals working with children, volunteers, parents and carers. <https://www.minded.org.uk/>
- The Every Mind Matters platform, from Public Health England, about looking after your mental health. <https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>
- Childline has created a new webpage with information for children and young people about Coronavirus. The page includes information about: what Coronavirus is; where children and young people can find help if they are worried; coping if they are staying at home; and what to do if they are feeling unwell. <https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/anxiety-stress-panic/worries-about-the-world/coronavirus/>
- Newsround have information on their website about Coronavirus  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/51896156>

