

# Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter Date

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## Keyworker Childcare Provision from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June: 8:40am - 3:15pm

- Nursery & Reception keyworker provision – via Lime Tree Avenue gate and then the Farm gate or Reception playground doors.
- Year 1 keyworker provision – via Sheffield Road gate, through Elm class into Hazel classroom.
- Years 2-5 keyworker provision - via Sheffield Road gate, and collection from the designated year group areas in the staff carpark.
- Year 6 keyworker provision – via Beech Close gate.
- Please remember to observe social distancing guidelines at all times on the school site.
- One parent/carer only to drop off and collect please.
- 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.
- Keyworker provision is offered Monday to Friday (every week) as previously.

## School Lunches

### From 8<sup>th</sup> June

- The menu will be limited to a school packed lunch (or home packed).
- Year 6 should continue to order via Wisepay, as should Nursery and Years 3, 4 & 5 keyworker children.
- Reception and Year 1 children will receive a school packed lunch to take home on the days they are attending.
- Year 2 will be able to order in school as normal.

## School Reopening to Reception, Year 1 and 6 from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June

### Key Points for Phase 1 of reopening for newsletter:

- Please do not bring any items in from home other than a lunchbox and named water bottle.
- The grouping of bubbles, staff rotas, cleaning arrangements etc. have been arranged around the responses we received to the survey. Please be aware that given the sheer scale of the arrangements, we are unable to change allocated days or rearrange the groups during Phase 1.
- Where we expect children in, please expect a courtesy call in the event of non-attendance. You can leave a message regarding any reasons for absence on 01953 602410.
- Parents are advised they should only visit the school office for essential reasons and where possible should make contact by phone or email.



### **Pick-up / drop-off**

- During drop off and pick up times social distancing should be observed at all times.
- Parents/carers should enter and leave the school site via their agreed entrance.
- Only one parent/carer should attend during designated drop off and collection times.
- Parents/carers of Year 6 children please do not come onto the school site, drop off and collection point is Beech Close gate.
- Carers/parents in the clinically vulnerable groups are discouraged from dropping off and picking up children.
- Parents and children should not walk to school in large groups.
- Parents and children should only travel to school either via car or on foot with members of the same household. If walking these households should stay together where possible.
- Any parents/ children using the bike racks should ensure they use them one person at a time and children must not congregate around the bike racks.

### **Testing**

- Pupils should not attend school if they display any of the common symptoms of COVID-19 (new persistent cough, high temperature, loss of sense of taste or smell). Parents are encouraged to check their child's temperature before attending school.
- If a child or a member of the household does develop symptoms they should self-isolate and arrange to be tested.

Thank you again for your support and understanding during this challenging time.

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## Phased Return

With the phased return of children to school we recognise that the children may return with very different experiences never before faced or considered; please ensure that you advise staff of any changes regarding welfare, health and well-being so that we can ensure that we support each child in a manner that is appropriate to their individual needs.

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## Shielded and clinically vulnerable children and young people

- For the vast majority of children and young people, coronavirus (COVID-19) is a mild illness. Children and young people (0 to 18 years of age) who have been classed as **clinically extremely vulnerable** due to pre-existing medical conditions have been advised to shield. We do not expect these children to be attending school, and they should continue to be supported at home as much as possible.
- **Clinically vulnerable** (but not clinically extremely vulnerable) people are those considered to be at a higher risk of severe illness from coronavirus (COVID-19). A small minority of children will fall into this category, and parents should follow medical advice if their child is in this category.  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>
- If your child falls into the **clinically vulnerable category**, you should have been contacted by the office by the end of Wednesday 3rd June. If you feel you should



have been contacted and haven't been, please phone the office to discuss any concerns. It may be necessary for us to seek clinical consent for your child before they return to school. This will also apply to keyworker children. If you have any concerns, please contact us before your child returns to school.

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## Year 6 Transition to Wymondham High

- Wymondham High have sent emails to parents/carers of all children due to join them in September 2020, asking for them to choose three friends they would like to be with when they move up.
- If you have not yet replied to Wymondham High please contact them as soon as possible on
  - **T: 01953 602078 E. [office@wh-at.net](mailto:office@wh-at.net).**

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## Information Section

### Social Story re Return to School

A social story is a simple description of a situation, written from a child's perspective. The goal of a social story is to share accurate social information in a patient and reassuring manner that is easily understood. You may find this link useful to share with your child/ren: <https://www.elsa-support.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Coronavirus-back-to-school.pdf>

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### 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.

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### Safeguarding & Online 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 useful:

- The county-wide safeguarding campaign – **See Something, Hear Something, Say Something**.
- Neighbours, extended family, those working to provide essential services and volunteers are encouraged to look out for the county's children, as the coronavirus lockdown continues.
- The campaign, backed by the Norfolk Safeguarding Children Partnership, is calling on communities to help keep Norfolk's children safe. It is asking for everyone that might still be seeing or hearing children to look out for them. The message is See Something, Hear Something, Say Something.
- Signs to look out for may include:
  - aggressive or repeated shouting
  - hearing hitting or things being broken
  - children crying for long periods of time
  - very young children left alone or outdoors by themselves.



- If something doesn't seem right and if you feel a child or young person may need help you can contact the council on 0344 800 80 20.
- In an emergency call 999.

**Online Safety Poster for Parents/Carers:** -

<https://www.norfolkscb.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/3OnlineSafetyPosterParents.pdf>

**Online Safety Poster for Children:** -

<https://www.norfolkscb.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/3OnlineSafetyPosterChildren.pdf>

**Digital Five a Day:** - Easy to follow, practical steps for children and parents to achieve a healthy and balanced digital diet

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/our-work/digital/5-a-day/>

**Net Aware** - <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.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online/coronavirus-covid-19-support-for-parents-and-carers-to-keep-children-safe-online>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-staying-safe-online>

## FSM Voucher Scheme

- The next payment for Free School Meal vouchers will be 1<sup>st</sup> June.
- Please note that this will cover a **one week period**, £15 per child, and codes will be sent out weekly for the summer term.
- **As a reminder, supermarkets cannot accept FSM eCodes in store, parents must first exchange them online for supermarket eGift cards at [www.freeschoolmeals.co.uk](http://www.freeschoolmeals.co.uk)**
- Please contact the school office with any queries.

## Free School Meals

- **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>
- [www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk](http://www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk) - Self Care Kit booklet to work through for children - from Sheffield NHS
- [www.unicef.org/coronavirus](http://www.unicef.org/coronavirus)- - How to Talk To Your Child about coronavirus disease
- [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk) – see Children's guide to Coronavirus
- [www.nosycrow.com](http://www.nosycrow.com) - online digital book 'Coronavirus' for primary aged children- by Alex Scheffler
- [www.relate.org.uk](http://www.relate.org.uk) – good advice on relationship difficulties, managing anxiety, bereavement
- [www.childhoodbereavementnetwork.org.uk](http://www.childhoodbereavementnetwork.org.uk) – supporting bereaved children and young people
- [www.mindedforfamilies.org.uk](http://www.mindedforfamilies.org.uk) – free learning resources about mental health for children and young people

