

Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

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End of Term Dates

- In line with our cluster schools we will be closing on **Friday 17th July** to those children currently accessing **Reception, Year 1 and Year 6** part-time provision.
- We will be closing to **keyworker/vulnerable children** at 3:15pm on **Tuesday 21st July**.
- Please read our separate letter, sent today, regarding current provision and an update for September.

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

School Lunches

- The menu will be limited to a school packed lunch (or home packed).
- Sandwich fillings available are tuna, ham, cheese, or egg mayonnaise, plus vegetable crudities, a piece of fruit, baked treat, and juice cup.
- 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.
- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be able to order in school as normal.

School Bags

Where possible, please do not send children to school with bags/rucksacks. We are trying to keep items coming into school to a minimum, however, we appreciate that you may want to send younger children with a change of clothes. Thank you.

Year 6 Photos

- As you know, we are working on a photo slideshow which shows how far the children have come in their time at Ashleigh Primary School, and to help them to look back.
- If you have not already done so, please email a scanned or copy of a photograph from your child when they first started school (aged 4-5, they do not have to be in uniform).
- Please submit your photos by **Wednesday 1st July** to office@ashleigh.norfolk.sch.uk

Many thanks.



Summer Holiday - Robert Kett Extra Time Club

- Robert Kett's Extra Time Club will be running from Wednesday 22nd July to Friday 4th September and can be booked via the link below, or by visiting their website and going to the Extra Time section.
<https://forms.gle/aybpaopjHReq9w7RA>
- Please note that this is a normal paid club (keyworker childcare provision is not being funded during the summer holidays).

Free Webinar for Parents/Carers

- Saturday 27th June: 10:30am - 11:30am
- The next on-line event in our summer series Tigers & Teddies Live will be chaired by Gary Robinson and Dr. Suzanne Zeedyk, author of the book that sparked the series, 'Sabre Tooth Tigers & Teddy Bears: The connected baby guide to attachment', published earlier this spring. This week's topic is Attachment Theory for Parents.
- You will meet Michelle and Kara, from Craigmillar Books for Babies, who regularly give out copies of the book Tigers & Teddies to families who use their service. They will tell you why they think parents find this information so helpful and why understanding attachment makes parenting feel more joyful and less pressured. You will also meet Stephanie Beckman, whose children feature in the book's photos. She will tell us how understanding attachment theory has changed her as a parent and why she thinks everyone deserves to share in this knowledge.
- Cost: FREE
- Registration Link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_QdHV8qbmQn-54KFNf7y9JA

Parent/Teacher Telephone Calls

- All teachers will offer a telephone meeting. The opportunity to discuss how your child has managed during school closure will help us to understand how best to support them as they transition back into school. We hope that this addition to our usual correspondence during the summer term will be helpful in the current climate.
- You will receive information about how to book a telephone conversation with your child's class teacher next week, using the same system as parents evening bookings, via text/email.

FSM Voucher Scheme

- Free school meal vouchers will continue to be issued weekly on Mondays.
- The government have confirmed they are extending the scheme to cover the summer holidays, we will be working on the updated guidance and confirming the arrangements in next week's Newsletter.
- **[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.



School Library Books

- Please return all school library books before the end of term.
- Can children accessing bubble and keyworker provision hand them in when they are next in school.
- Can all other children bring their library books back to school when they return. Thank you.

Information Section

Returning to School

Social Story

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>

NCC Video

We are pleased to include a link to an animated video from Norfolk County Council that both parents and children might find helpful regarding returning to school. It is only 96 seconds long.
<https://youtu.be/VLK3YjzS-rY>

Home Learning

- Please do not feel that you must 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.

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.

Think U Know have created videos to support parents during Covid-19 and the closure of schools to many children. You can find the videos

here: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/presentations-for-parents/>

<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>

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