

Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

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Message from the Chair of Governors

Firstly, by way of introduction, I am the new Chair of Governors having taken over from Melissa Marfleet-Collins a few weeks ago. I would like to add my thanks to Melissa for her outstanding contribution to Ashleigh over the last few years. I did not think at the beginning of this academic year that I would be the Chair of Governors by the end of it or that we would have to navigate ourselves through a global pandemic during it.

The challenges that this academic year has presented the school, staff and children have been unprecedented. What has not been unprecedented is the commitment and hard work that all the staff have put into meeting these challenges. This commitment and hard work should not be taken for granted and I want to take this public opportunity, on behalf of the governing body, to thank them all for all they have done.

It is also important to acknowledge the overwhelmingly positive way in which the children have coped with the challenges this year and the fantastic support that has been provided by parents and carers with home learning and the transition, for those pupils who have returned, back into school. It is unfortunate that the current year 6 cohort have not had the end to their time at Ashleigh as was expected but we wish them well in their transition to secondary education.

It is clear that the challenges of covid-19 are not over and will continue into the next academic year and, potentially, beyond. The school have put in place robust plans for the next academic year to deal with the transition back into school for all children and these plans will be continually reviewed in light of the ever-evolving guidance that is published. Please be assured that central to these plans is the unwavering commitment of all staff to provide a safe, secure, and happy place to educate the children and provide a safe place to work for staff.

Whilst the future may be uncertain for various reasons, I am convinced that the staff at Ashleigh are in the best possible position and have all the right abilities to steer the school through the challenges ahead. In the meantime, enjoy the summer break and we look forward to welcoming the children back in September.

Sam Greenhalgh
Chair of Governors

Year 6 Goodbye & Good Luck!

This week we have said goodbye on Tuesday and Friday to our Year 6 children. It was obviously very different to how we would normally say farewell but we hope they enjoyed the socially distanced mini-festival, and all the leaving activities. Wear your Ashleigh leavers t-shirt with pride, you have all been Ashleigh Stars and we wish you all the very best as you move on to High School in September, you will be amazing!



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Thank You

We have been overwhelmed with cards, gifts and wonderful messages from parents and children alike. Thank you from everyone at Ashleigh for all your support, we really appreciate it.

End of Summer Term

School is open to pre-booked keyworker children only on Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July.

We close today to children accessing Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 bubble provision.

School Lunches to the end of term - Keyworker children

- 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, Year 1, and Year 2 will be able to order in school as normal.
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Start of Autumn Term

We hope you all stay safe and well over the summer holidays and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 7th September!

We will be emailing a letter on Monday 20th July with our current plans for reopening; arrangements will be confirmed on Friday 4th September in line with government guidelines at the time.

Emergency Contact Details

- Please make sure you call or email the office with any new contact numbers or email addresses as soon as possible.
 - If they change at any time in the future **please remember to update us**, it is obviously crucial that we can contact parents/carers in case of emergency.
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FSM Voucher Scheme

- Free school meal vouchers – the last voucher for this term will be emailed on Monday 20th July.
 - You will receive a separate voucher to cover the summer holiday period, £90 per child for the holiday period.
 - 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
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School Money - New Payment System

- School Money will be operational from September and parents/carers will receive information on using the system to pay for school lunches (and trips etc.) as soon as possible in September.
- We are planning a two week handover period where we can accept cash and cheque payments as we trial the new system.
- From September 2020 we will no longer be using Wisepay for lunch payments.

Year 6 SATS Books

- If any Year 6 children still have SATS books at home please return them to the school office by Wednesday 22nd July.

School Library Books

- Can all children bring their library books back to school in September.

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).

Holiday Provision

Parents/carers looking for childcare for school aged children over the summer holidays can also try the Norfolk Community Directory:

<https://communitydirectory.norfolk.gov.uk/>

Parents can filter and customise their search to look for **Holiday Playschemes** in their preferred location, and click on providers' records to view their details and childcare vacancies this summer holiday. The Directory is updated daily by Family Information as they receive information from providers about their childcare offer this summer. For further support parents can contact Family Information at fis@norfolk.gov.uk

Information Section

Returning to School

Classes from September 2020

Current Class	Class from September	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
	Dragonfly Butterfly	Mrs Sprake & Mrs Roberts	Ms Bruce Mrs Cowdry Mrs Gray Miss Scott



			Mrs Sharp
	Squirrel	Mrs Miller & Mr Garlinge	Mrs Anderson
	Hedgehog	Mrs Ellero	Mrs McPherson
Hedgehogs	Bat	Mr Zilch	Mrs Lambert
Squirrels	Barn Owl	Miss Eyre	Mrs Moore
Barn Owls	Fox	Miss Pender	Mrs Robinson
Bats	Deer	Mr Walker	Mrs Page
Fox	Birch	Mrs Landis	Mrs Bullen Mrs Barrett Mrs Harvey
Deer	Hazel	Mr Wheeler	Miss O'Donovan
Birch	Maple	Mrs Saadvandi & Mrs Mann	Mrs English Mr Scott
Hazel	Elm	Mr Gately	
Elm	Willow	Miss Webb	Mrs Chalcraft Mrs Starling Mrs Stratton
Maple	Mulberry	Miss Morecz	
Chestnut	Ash	Miss Stephens	Mrs Feeney
Mulberry	Sycamore	Mr Finch & Mr Brain	Mrs Chubbock
Willow	Sallow	Mr Saunders	Mrs Clark Mrs Laws

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/2020/03/Social-contact-story.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>

Free School Meals - How to Apply

- **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.

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>

Updated Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSiE)

In advance of the release of the updated Keeping Children Safe in Education which comes into force on 1st September 2020 (until then KCSiE 2019 remains), the government has produced a useful webpage including lots of useful information about all the ways in which we can keep children safe including online safety and mental health.

You can find the information here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-from-abuse-and-harm/advice-to-parents-and-carers-on-keeping-children-safe-from-abuse-and-harm>

Barnardo's 'See Hear Respond' Service

- See Hear Respond is a service provided across England by Barnardo's and other national and local community-based organisations in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak.
- The programme has been created to help children and young people in England who are experiencing harm and increased adversity during this period by providing support to those who are not being seen by social care or other key agencies.
- Working with its partners, Barnardo's aims to reduce the likelihood of harm and ensure other support and protective networks are in place using:
 - online digital support, including advice and information, online counselling, and a telephone helpline
 - face to face interventions, such as support for groups at risk outside the home and one to one support
 - reintegration into education, including assessments and the delivery of support pathways back to education

See Hear Respond accept referrals from any source either through the Freephone number 0800 151 7015 and via the [online referral hub](#).

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

