

Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

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Covid-19 Update

- We understand the current environment and the second lockdown is causing a great deal of concern and anxiety for parents, children and staff at Ashleigh. It is a difficult time for everybody.
- **To clarify, two class bubbles have closed this week in key stage 2, the rest of the school remains open as normal.**
- It has been a particularly challenging week, however, where we are advised of suspected and/or positive Covid-19 cases, we immediately liaise with the Norfolk Outbreak Management Team, Public Health England and follow government guidance.
- The Norfolk Outbreak Management Team commented that our approach to the management is both comprehensive and thorough.
- We understand that there has been some confusion regarding the letter sent last night to close a key stage 2 bubble due to a *suspected* case. We will send out a further letter today to the affected bubble to confirm the self-isolation dates.
- In this particular instance, testing staff were (and will be) unable to complete a Covid-19 test, therefore we were advised to close the bubble, as a precautionary measure.
- Often we are presented with new information from parents/carers at the start or end of the school day, due to the time when Covid-19 test results have been received. However, we always aim to make a decision and communicate this as soon as practically possible.
- Your safety is our absolute priority and every decision will be made with this in mind.
- Despite these difficult times, we have been humbled by the hard work, resilience and good humour our staff and children have shown and we wanted to ensure that this was recognised. As always, we are hugely grateful.

Take care and keep safe.

Mrs Greenacre and Miss Lacey

Message from the Chair of Governors

This week has been a particularly challenging one for Ashleigh given the confirmed positive cases and suspected case of covid amongst pupils. Unfortunately, the result of this has seen the closure of two class bubbles. We are following the advice of the Norfolk Outbreak Management Team and Public Health England, and any decision is made in consultation with them. This is not a decision that has been taken lightly and it is on the advice of Public Health England which we have to, and want to, follow for the safety of all children, staff and the wider community. The circumstances surrounding a decision to close a class bubble are nuanced and multi-faceted and all sorts of factors have to be weighed up. The school leadership team will assess each case alongside the government bodies and act on the advice that is given for the safety of all concerned.



As Governors, we fully support the school's decisions. We are very aware of the impact of children moving to home learning. The majority of governors have children in the school and understand the upheaval, frustration and difficulties this can bring. Over the last few months the school has been preparing for this possibility and in particular developed a transition programme to a comprehensive home learning period for pupils and supporting families during this time. The emphasis on home learning is do what you can and are able to do and you can be assured that there is a 'recovery plan' built into the timetable this year for pupils who have had to move to home learning temporarily.

The school staff have been working tirelessly this week on managing the events that have unfolded and putting into place the processes that have been developed over the past few months. These processes seek to make for a safe learning environment for pupils, working environment for staff and help contribute to keeping the community safe. Please join me in thanking the staff for all they have done this week and will continue to do to support the children's education. Also, thank you to you all for your ongoing support of the school's efforts.

Sam Greenhalgh
Chair of Governors

Self-Isolation and Online Learning

- In line with government guidance, we are providing online learning for all children who are having to self-isolate due to Covid.
- Can we ask all parents/carers to check you are able to log onto your child's online platform?
 - Reception to Year 4 - Seesaw;
 - Year 5 and 6 - Google Classroom.
- These platforms are used to communicate with parents and children so they are worth checking regularly. They will also be our main point of contact if a child or bubble needs to self-isolate.
- All Reception to Year 4 parents should have had a Seesaw QR code to log in, if not you will need to contact class teacher to ask for another copy.
- All children in Year 5 and 6 should know their Google Classroom log in as it is the same details they use to log into Chrome Books in class.
- If you or your child have any questions about the learning, you can communicate with the class teacher through the online platform and teachers will respond as soon as possible.
- **If your child is self-isolating we will automatically credit your SchoolMoney account with any pre-booked meals during that period.**

We would like to thank everyone for your patience and support.

Children in Need - Friday 13th November

- We emailed and Tweeted on Tuesday regarding Friday's non-school uniform day in support of Children in Need.
- We are asking for voluntary contributions of £1 for those who wish to donate, and this can be paid via SchoolMoney (texts and emails will be sent out this afternoon).
- You will be able to make donations via SchoolMoney until Monday 16th November.
- We will confirm the amount raised in next week's newsletter.

Thank you for your support!



World Kindness Day - Friday 13th November

In recognition of World Kindness Day we have attached some information about Just One Norfolk which is our single point of advice for wellbeing and mental health advice, 0-25, Norfolk and Waveney. The JustOneNorfolk website is a great source of support and has lots of features to make it accessible. They are hosting a guided tour of JON for families. 17th November 10am. Book [here](#).

“No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted” - Aesop

Anti-Bullying Week - Odd Socks Day

On **Friday 20th November**, as part of Anti Bullying week, we will be taking part in 'Odd Socks Day'. This is a national campaign led by the Anti-Bullying Alliance to celebrate what makes us different and unique. All children need to do to take part is to wear odd socks!

MSA Vacancy

Midday Supervisory Assistant including 1:1 Midday Supervisory Assistant – Supporting a child with medical needs

- Salary – £9.25 per hour
Monday – Friday: 2 hour ten minutes per day (11:25am-1:35pm); Term time only; fixed term contract to 31/08/2021.
 - We are seeking to appoint a Midday Supervisory Assistant to join our friendly, enthusiastic team.
 - Duties include supervision of children within school, in outdoor areas and leading play and games. For one hour per day you will be providing 1:1 support to a child with diabetes, training will be provided.
 - You will need to have a calm and caring manner and enjoy working with children. Being friendly, approachable, and able to develop positive and constructive relationships with children and staff is essential. You will receive training as required.
 - Closing date: Midday on Friday 20th November
 - Interview date: w/c 23rd November (by phone)
 - Application forms are available from the office or <http://www.ashleighprimary.com/category/news/vacancies/>
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Library Service

All Norfolk Library branches **closed** on Thursday November 5th as part of the second lockdown. We're looking forward to being able to welcome you back in to libraries when it's safe to do so, until then, please check out what we can offer you online:

Accessing books

You can still join the library by visiting: <https://norfolk.spydus.co.uk/cgi-bin/spydus.exe/MSGTRN/WPAC/LOGINB?HOMEPRMS=GENPARAMS>
Your details will be sent to you by email, with a card to follow in the post.

Joining the library gives you access to a large range of audio books and eBooks for children and adults. You can download them online at norfolk.overdrive.com or



using the Libby app. All e-downloads are free, and there are no reservation charges or overdue charges. If you need help to get started you can email libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk

Need so ideas to get you started? Our [YouTube Channel](#) has videos of library staff talking about their favourite books, as does the [National Shelf Service Channel](#), created by librarians nationwide during the first lockdown. We'll be posting recommendations on our Facebook page daily to help you get inspired. Still need help? Send us a message via [Norfolk Libraries for Families](#) and our librarian team will recommend some books for you.

Things to do

- For under 5s- every week on [Facebook](#) we share a picture book story at 12pm on Mondays. The story is available all week for you to watch back, and we suggest some fun activities you can do linked to the story.
- Also for younger children- we share a weekly Rhyme Time on Tuesdays at 10am on both [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#), with all the previous ones available online to watch too.
- Our online Lego Club sets you a new challenge every other Wednesday at 4.30pm and the next new challenge will be on Wednesday 18th November. You can check out our past challenge videos too on [Facebook](#).
- Saturday morning story club begins on November 21st. Each week, we'll share a new chapter of a festive tale. Keep an eye on our [Facebook page](#) for updates.
- Our Zoom storywriters club is for children 8-11 to chat about story ideas and writing and meets every Friday at 4.15pm. If your child would like to join please contact libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk
- We're adding new code clubs for children aged 8-11. If you'd like to register your interest please contact libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk

Twitter Account

- If you don't already follow the school Twitter account, please join us at **@PrimaryAshleigh**

Family Action ASD and ADHD support for parents and carers

- Every Tuesday from 10:30-11:30am parents and carers can join Zoom support sessions and meet other families who have children or young people with ASD or ADHD or both.
- You just need Zoom and the following details to get started.
- Meeting ID - 928 5803 9218 and Password - 286707



LINKS Virtual Coffee Morning - 27th November

Do you have a child or children with SEN or behavioural needs? Do you need support and advice from someone who has been through the same things? Do you just need someone to chat to? Join us virtually for our first LINKS virtual coffee morning of the new Academic year!




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Support**

If you have any questions or queries, email Micha Butler:
psa@roberkett.net

Come join us for a chat, a listening ear, to share your expertise and to connect with other parents.

Parent and Carer Support Group
Friday the 27th of November 9.30 - 11.30
<https://meet.google.com/omk-adkv-rbk>



Dates for your Diary

2020-2021 Dates	
Fri 20 th Nov	• Odd Socks Day – Anti-Bullying Week
Fri 4 th Dec	• Year 6 WW II Day
Fri 18 th Dec	• 3:00/3:15pm School & Nursery close for the Christmas holidays.
Mon 4 th Jan	• School and Nursery reopen
Fri 12 th Feb	• 3:00/3:15pm School & Nursery close for half term
Mon 22 nd Feb	• School and Nursery reopen
Fri 26 th Mar	• 3:00/3:15pm School & Nursery close for the Easter holidays
Mon 12 th Apr	• School and Nursery reopen
Mon 3 rd May	• Bank Holiday – School and Nursery closed for the day
Fri 28 th May	• 3:00/3:15pm School & Nursery close for half term
Mon 7 th Jun	• School and Nursery reopen
Wed 21 st Jul	• 3:00/3:15pm School & Nursery close for the Summer holidays

Previous Newsletters

If you would like details of any of our previous newsletters, regarding (for example):

- Safeguarding,
- Keeping Children Safe in Education,
- Mental health support,
- Free School Meal applications.

Please contact the office who will be able to help you.

