

Ashleigh Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter Date

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Remote Learning

If you have not done so already, please make us aware if your child does not have access to a device at home to support their home-learning.
Many thanks.

Keyworker/Vulnerable Children

- A new application form was sent out on Wednesday of this week to apply for keyworker provision for the remaining four weeks of term from 18th January.
- We will be confirming allocated places later today.
- Please ensure children coming into school wear school uniform with layers of warm clothing, we are keeping the windows open in school for ventilation so it can be chilly.
- Please can parents/carers observe social distancing at pick up and drop off times, and only speak to your child's teacher face-to-face if absolutely necessary. If you contact the office, or the teacher via your child's learning platform, we can arrange a phone call if required.

Free School Meals Update

- For those families eligible for Free School Meals (not the same as Universal Free School Meals for Reception, Years 1 and 2) the government confirmed yesterday that they will be funding the voucher scheme again from 18th January for the four weeks to the end of half term.
- Food parcels will cover the first two weeks of this half term and these can be collected from 2:30pm today, or will be delivered to pre-arranged eligible families. **We had hoped to have them ready earlier today but the delivery that was supposed to arrive at 7:30am arrived at school at 2:20pm.**
- We're happy to confirm that you will be receiving a voucher via EdenRed to cover the next four weeks.
- We will let you know when the emails are likely to be sent out – the government is rolling the system out to schools on a staggered basis so we may not be able to order them straight away.



Mental Health and Wellbeing Support for Children



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<https://www.weareindivided.com/>

- We have been given free access to this fantastic resource. You can create an account for your child on this website.
- They can then use 'the portal' to complete simple quizzes to assess their mental health and wellbeing.
- They will be given resources based upon their responses.
- If you need support setting up an account or would like more information on this, then please contact Mrs Meek via the school office.

Young Carers

<https://www.youngcarersmatternorfolk.org/young-carer-support-during-covid-19/>

During the Coronavirus pandemic the Carers Matter Norfolk Advice Line (0800 083 1148) and Live Chat on this website are operating usual hours.

Carers Matter Norfolk Carer Connectors and Youth Workers from in the partnership are still supporting young carers, although with some changes. For details of partners visit:

[The Benjamin Foundation](#)

[Caring Together](#)

[GYGYC](#)

[Holt Youth Project](#)

[MTM Youth Services](#)

[Suffolk Family Carers](#)

[Voluntary Norfolk](#)

[West Norfolk Carers](#)

Also see

- [Our Young Carers & Families Covid 19 Service Update](#)
- A Summary of other [Sources of Young Carers Support during Covid-19 pandemic](#) compiled by Caring Together and the Norfolk Young Carers Forum
- The Department of Health and Social Care have provided [guidance for those under 25 who provide care for someone](#). There is also an [easy to read version](#).
- [How to get a letter stating your need to shop and travel](#) in your role as a young carer during the coronavirus restrictions.
- [Making a Contingency Plan](#): how to plan ahead and be prepared so you know what to do and who to turn to if your situation changes.
- [Getting a Young Carers Needs Assessment](#): If you find yourself unexpectedly caring for someone because of Covid-19, maybe a sibling who is not at school, or a parent whose health has been affected, you are entitled to a Needs Assessment, and we can help you get the support you need.

If you are finding things difficult and want to talk in confidence to a counsellor or mental health professional, visit [Koothh](#), a new service



commissioned by Norfolk County Council offering free, safe and anonymous online support and counselling.

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.

Norfolk Libraries Storywriter's Club

- Story Writer's Club is a friendly, fun Zoom group for 7-11 year-olds who enjoy bringing their stories to life on the page.
- Sessions will recommence on Thursdays at **4.15pm**; they will start on **21st January** and run for 4 weeks until February half term, with the last one being Feb 11th.
- Come along to share ideas or discover new ones and meet other people who enjoy creating too. To find out more, please email libraries.iconnect@norfolk.gov.uk



Diary Dates

2020-2021 Dates	
Fri 12 th Feb	• End of 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.

