



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOLS

Article 20 (children unable to live with their family)

"If a child cannot be looked after by their immediate family, the Government must give them special protection and assistance. This includes making sure the child has alternative care that is continuous."

In school we have a very clear Safeguarding & Child Protection Policy. We actively promote safeguarding messages throughout the school in a language which child can understand. Safeguarding our pupils is of paramount concern to us in school.

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL P1-3!

It has been a delight this week to welcome back our P1-3 pupils who once again have seamlessly transitioned back to school life. I thank all our P1-3 school staff and families in support our children.

We are pleased with the NI Executive decision to extend the time P1-3 are in school until Easter, we believe this is logical and makes sense to keep our youngest pupils in school to re-establish a semblance of normality.

It is disappointing that our P4-7 pupils and families do not have clarity, we do however hope this will be given early next week. In the meantime, it is important P4-7 pupils continue to engage with remote learning. P4-7 pupils who are categorised as vulnerable or have parents who are Key Workers may also attend school.

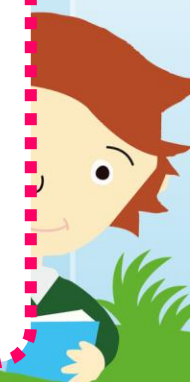
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UPDATING CONTACT DETAILS...

It is very important that we have the most up-to-date contact details for parents and carers especially if we need to contact you during the school day.

If during this period of sustained lockdown you have changed your mobile number, email address or home address we ask that you email Kerrie or Tracey on the Office with your correct contact information... please email them on klamont306@c2kni.net. Please remember to add the name of your child, year group and teacher.

ASHGROVE SCHOOL APP

Have you downloaded our Ashgrove School App? This is available from iTunes or Google Play (free of charge). We use this to communicate with parents and send notifications about what's happening in our busy school.

Our Ashgrove App has recently been updated, you now need to search for and download the "Primary365" app and enter the activation code of

ST. PATRICK'S DAY 2021

On our original holiday list for this academic year, St. Patrick's Day was due to be a half day and the children were to go home at 12.00pm as school meals were unavailable. I am very grateful to Vivienne and the catering staff in school who have agreed to make school meals available on **Wednesday 17th March meaning that P1-3 may attend school for a full day.** I believe that after a long period of absence from school this is the right decision.

EASTER HOLIDAY 2021

Our Holiday list for the 2020-2021 academic year is available to download on our website. As a reminder, school will close for Easter at 12.00pm on Wednesday 31st March (no lunches will be served). The Summer Term will commence on **Wednesday 14th April.**

We hope that by this time all pupils will be able to return to face-to-face learning. I will of course keep you informed as information is available.

POST PRIMARY APPLICATIONS

As a reminder for P7 parents, the closing date for Post Primary applications is Tuesday 16th March, 4.00pm. Applications made after this date will be classified as "late", and your child may be disadvantaged when post primary schools are allocating their places for September.

MORNING ROUTINES...

It has been lovely this week to once again reconnect with our parents. As a kind reminder, please keep in mind that teachers are not available to speak directly with parents in the morning as children arrive – they must supervise all children as they come to school. If you need to pass a message to a teacher this may be done through the Office and we are certainly happy to ring you if required. Thank you for playing your part in helping our school run smoothly.



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Everyone has a role to play in keeping our schools safe and helping to stop the spread of COVID-19.

DON'T SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY HAVE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS.

VISIT [NIDIRECT.GOV.UK/CORONAVIRUS](https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/coronavirus) TO BOOK A TEST ONLINE. CALL 119 IF YOU CANNOT BOOK A TEST ONLINE.

YOU SHOULD BOOK A COVID-19 TEST IF YOUR CHILD HAS:

A HIGH TEMPERATURE

This means they feel hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure their temperature).

OR

A NEW CONTINUOUS COUGH

This means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual).

OR

A LOSS OR CHANGE TO THEIR SENSE OF SMELL OR TASTE

This means they've noticed they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

IF YOUR CHILD DOES NOT HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 BUT HAS OTHER COLD-LIKE SYMPTOMS, SUCH AS A RUNNY NOSE, THEY DO NOT NEED TO BE TESTED AND THEY OR MEMBERS OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD DO NOT NEED TO SELF-ISOLATE. YOUR CHILD CAN ATTEND SCHOOL IF FIT TO DO SO.

HERE'S WHAT TO DO IF:

YOUR CHILD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school if the test is negative providing they are well enough, have not had a fever for 48 hours and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result
- Self-isolate for at least 10 days as advised by the PHA.

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school after 10 days even if they still have a cough / loss of smell or taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks.

SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD HAS COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- The household member should book a COVID-19 test
- Household self-isolates
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school if the symptomatic household member's test is negative and if they haven't been advised to self-isolate by the PHA Contact Tracing Service.

SOMEBODY IN MY HOUSEHOLD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Inform school immediately about test result

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

CONTACT TRACING HAS IDENTIFIED MY CHILD AS A CLOSE CONTACT

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for at least 14 days as advised by the PHA Contact Tracing Service

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

YOUR CHILD HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS A CLOSE CONTACT

WHAT TO DO?

- Attend school as normal
- If your child does not have any COVID-19 symptoms they should carry on with normal activities.

YOUR CHILD HAS TRAVELLED ABROAD AND HAS TO SELF-ISOLATE

WHAT TO DO?

- DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL
- Self-isolate for 14 days in line with quarantine advice

WHEN CAN MY CHILD RETURN?

Your child can return to school when they have completed 14 days of self-isolation without any symptoms*.

*If your child has been identified as a close contact of a case of COVID-19, or has returned from travel abroad and is self-isolating, they must self-isolate for 14 days regardless of a negative COVID-19 test result.

Further information, including Frequently Asked Questions for Parents and Carers, can be found on the Department of Education's website at www.education-ni.gov.uk



EDUCATION RESTART



P1-3 SCHOOL DINNER MENU (£2.55 PER DAY)

<u>Monday 15th March</u> Fish Fingers, Beans & Chips ~ Yoghurt & Fruit	<u>Tuesday 16th March</u> Chicken Curry, Rice Naan Bread & Peas ~ Jelly & Ice-Cream
<u>Wednesday 17th March</u> Salmon Cakes, Sweetcorn & Chips ~ Yoghurt & Oranges	<u>Thursday 18th March</u> Chicken Curry, Boiled Rice & Carrots ~ Chocolate Cookie, Fruit & Milk
<u>Friday 19th March</u> Pasta Bolognese, Carrot Batons & Crusty Bread ~ Yoghurt & Apple	School Meals are only available for P1-3 children next week. FSM payments for P1-3 stopped from 08.03.21.

KEY WORKER & VULNERABLE CHILDREN PROVISION

With the return of P1-3 pupils to school we have understandably seen a significant rise in the amount of P4-7 children attending school for Key Worker or Vulnerable children provision. We are happy to accommodate these requests provided parents complete the weekly online Google Form – this is released every Wednesday and should be submitted by 4.00pm Friday. This helps us to plan for staffing levels and also assists with track and trace.

For a safe and happy school we are expected to...



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Arrive at school on time; ☺ Wear our school uniform; ☺ Show respect to everyone in school; ☺ Be truthful, well-mannered and kind; ☺ Take pride in our school building; ☺ Look after our books; | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☺ Walk sensibly and quietly in the corridors; ☺ Keep our school litter free; ☺ Set a good example to others; ☺ Exercise self-control; & ☺ Line up quickly and quietly. |
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