



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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Rights Respecting Schools

Article 25 (review of treatment in care)

"If a child has been placed away from home for the purpose of care or protection (for example with a foster family or in hospital) they have the right to a regular review of their treatment, the way they are cared for and their wider circumstances."

In school, we work closely with many outside agencies to support and care for children who have been placed away from home.

RESTART SURVEY

Now that we have all settled back to school again I would like to ask our parents for your views on our provision on our Restart.

The information from this consultation, will help us to reflect on our provision and identify further areas for development. This information will also be used to inform planning for our new School Development Plan. Please click on the link below to complete a brief questionnaire – it will only take a few minutes to complete.

<https://forms.gle/Mk2Br9hSDNRGYjzC7>

Please complete the questionnaire by Thursday 20th May – Thank you!

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SPORTS DAYS 2021

We are excited to be able to have Sports Day together this year – obviously last year this was not possible due to lockdown. Our Sports Days this year will be entirely focused on the children, **apologies but visitors will not be permitted to visit to support us.** We will however share videos, pictures and clips for you to watch at home.

This year, to help maintain class bubbles, we are having three separate Sports Days as follows:

Foundation Stage Sports Day (P1 & 2) – Tuesday 15th June

Key Stage 1 Sports Day (P3 & 4) – Wednesday 16th June

Key Stage 2 Sports Day (P5,6 & 7) – Thursday 16th June

Children may come to school these days in their PE Kit which is as follows:

- ✓ Black shorts or jogging bottoms
- ✓ White T-shirt
- ✓ Trainers or black plimsolls

Please note, if it rains on Sports Day we will hold the event on the next available dry day.



COVID-19 ADVICE

As you know, we are still following DE Guidance and advice for our risk mitigation measures. We have been very fortunate and hope to continue to be for the whole of this term. I would like to thank the staff who have helped all year with temperature checks etc in the morning.

The vast majority of our parents are wearing face coverings while in school grounds. Please remember to keep your distance if waiting in school grounds to leave or collect children – thank you for your consideration to others.

ONLINE SAFETY

We are aware in school that some of our very young children are using social media platforms e.g. tick-tock to communicate with others outside school. This is a serious concern and I must stress to our parents it is your responsibility to monitor what your child is doing online and indeed who they are communicating with. You should be aware that for most social media platforms the minimum age is 12 or 16. If your child has their own digital device e.g. tablet or phone, please take some time this weekend to monitor what is on their phone.



SCHOOL UNIFORM ITEMS FOR THE NEW ACADEMIC YEAR...

As we approach the end of this academic year and start to think ahead to September I would like to remind parents and carers of what they need to gather for School Uniform items over the Summer months. **Please make sure all uniform items are clearly labelled with your child's name.**

Our uniform is available to buy from the Jeanery and Cartmills in Glengormley – we do not sell uniform items through school.

P1-P3 Uniform

Boys	Girls
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White Polo Shirt with School Crest • Green sweatshirt with School Crest • Black/grey trousers • Black shoes • Black socks (Trainers must not be worn) • In the Summer Term boys may wear black/grey school shorts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White Polo Shirt with School Crest • Green sweatshirt with School Crest • Black/grey skirt or pinafore • Black shoes (Trainers must not be worn) • White knee length socks • Grey or black tights • In the Summer Term girls may wear a green gingham dress
<p>PE Uniform</p> <p>Slip-on or Velcro plimsolls in a named slipper bag</p>	<p>PE Uniform</p> <p>Slip-on or Velcro plimsolls in a named slipper bag</p>

P4-7 Uniform

Boys	Girls
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White long sleeve shirt • Red & green school tie • Green sweatshirt with School Crest • Black/grey trousers • Black shoes (Trainers must not be worn apart from PE) • Black socks • In the Summer Term boys may wear black/grey school shorts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • White long sleeve shirt • Red & green school tie • Green sweatshirt with School Crest • Black/grey skirt or pinafore • Black shoes (Trainers must not be worn apart from PE) • White knee length socks • Grey or black tights
<p>PE Uniform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain white t-shirt • Black or grey jogging bottoms or shorts • Trainers or plimsolls 	<p>PE Uniform</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plain white t-shirt • Black or grey jogging bottoms or shorts • Trainers or plimsolls

Please remember, if you receive to **Free School Meals (FSM)** you are entitled to a **Uniform Grant** to help cover this cost. **IF YOUR CHILD ALREADY RECEIVES FSM, THE EDUCATION AUTHORITY WILL POST YOU AN APPLICATION FORM TO YOUR HOME ADDRESS.**

Alternatively, this may be downloaded from the EA's website.



SCHOOL DINNER MENU (£2.55 PER DAY)

Please remember to book both FREE and PAID meals online via SchoolMoney

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Monday 17th May</u></p> <p>Sausages, Sweetcorn & Mashed Potatoes ~ Chocolate Sponge & Custard</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Tuesday 18th May</u></p> <p>Pasta Bolognaise, Carrot Batons & Crusty Bread ~ Yoghurt & Trio of Fruit</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Wednesday 19th May</u></p> <p>Roast Turkey, Sliced Stuffing, Green Beans, Carrot & Parsnip, Baby Boiled & Mashed Potatoes & Gravy ~ Summer Fruits & Yoghurt</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Thursday 20th May</u></p> <p>Steak Burger in a Bap, Salad, Coleslaw & Homemade Spiced Cubed Potatoes ~ Strawberry Shortcake Stack</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Friday 21st May</u></p> <p>Gourmet Homemade Pizza with Chicken Peppers & Tomato Topping, Coleslaw, Side Salad & Chips ~ Fresh Fruit Salad & Yoghurt</p>	<p>Please remember to login to your SchoolMoney account to book meals for your child for the week ahead.</p> <p>Both PAID and FREE school meals should be booked online before midnight of the day ahead!</p>

SAFEGUARDING REMINDERS

In Ashgrove we have an experienced group of teachers who act as the Safeguarding Team. Their role is to promote a safeguarding culture in our school and act to ensure that all our pupils are safe and well cared for. If you have concerns or worries about any child in school, you may speak to the following members of the Safeguarding Team:

- Mrs Luney (Designated Teacher for Safeguarding)
- Mrs Carberry (Deputy Designated Teacher)
- Mrs Coulter (Deputy Designated Teacher) or
- Mr Smith (Principal)

We are very fortunate in Ashgrove that our children come from supportive, caring families, but sometimes we all need a bit of support...

Alternatively, if you have immediate concerns about the safety or welfare of a child you may contact Social Services directly.

MAY CLOSURES...

Apologies for the date error in last week's Newsletter. **To confirm we are CLOSED Wednesday 26th May-Monday 31st May (inclusive).** School reopens at the usual times on Tuesday 1st June.

