



Ashgrove Primary School Newtownabbey

Our Weekly Newsletter

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PRIMARY 1 APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

The EA online portal for **Primary 1 applications for September 2022** will be live from Monday 10th January– to make an application simply click on the link on the homepage of our website or go directly to the EA website. The application process itself is straightforward. There will most likely be a heavy demand on the EA website in the days ahead and previously some parents have experienced difficulties.

However, do not worry as you have until the end of January to apply for your school place. . This year, you must upload a copy of your child's birth certificate to the online portal..

If you need any help with the online application process feel free to call in to school at any time and we will be happy to help!

*Scan here to visit our
Open House webpage*



It is important that applications to Primary 1 are received on time.

Applications which are received after the closing date are treated as 'late applications' and may adversely impact on your chances for admission.

If you would like to arrange an individual tour of the school please ring us on 028 9084 8734 or email

info@ashgroveps.newtownabbey.ni.sch.uk

We look forward to welcoming our new P1 pupils soon!

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Learning, Caring, Growing Stronger Together

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Welcome back to school – I hope all our families had a restful Christmas, we are glad to see our children back to school. Attendance levels the past couple of days at school are good – it is our ambition to keep these levels of engagement high. **If your child has not returned to school, you must inform us of a reason for absence, to do this, please complete the online absence form on our website.**

It is well known that transmission of COVID at present is very high in the community and within households. This is having an impact on staffing levels across all schools. Substitute teachers are in high demand and there is a limited supply. There is likely to be some disruption to school in the weeks ahead and as a last resort some classes may have to learn from home for a limited amount of time. This is of course a last resort and not one which will be taken lightly. If this decision is taken, I will endeavour to give you reasonable warning.

MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL...

Over Christmas, some of our children may have received mobile phones as gifts. As they are valuable and can be easily damaged discourage children bringing mobile phones to school. If you need to contact your child during the school day this should be done via the Office.

If they must bring a mobile phone to school these must stay **SWITCHED OFF** during school (including break and lunchtimes). Children using mobile phones during school time will have them removed.

ASHGROVE SCHOOL APP

Have you downloaded our Ashgrove School App “**Primary 365**”? 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.

Once you download the **Primary 365** app you need to select Ashgrove Primary and enter the licence **code 2229**.

COOLFORSCHOOL MOP-UP PHOTOGRAPHS

CoolforSchool Photography are visiting school on **MONDAY 10TH JANUARY** to take individual portraits of children who did not get their photograph taken earlier in the year. I stress this is only for children who were absent from school at the first photoshoot.

IF YOUR CHILD WAS ABSENT EARLIER IN THE YEAR, AND YOU WOULD LIKE THEIR SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN, YOU MUST FIRST OF ALL GIVE PERMISSION ONLINE BY CLICKING THE LINK BELOW AND REGISTERING WITH COOLFORSCHOOL. PERMISSION CAN NOT BE TAKEN OVER THE PHONE.

You must register by 7.00pm on Sunday 9th January.

https://orders.coolforschoolphotography.com/register/?access_code=JRYR3WN





Cool for School Photography

"To have your child's photo taken you **must** register!"

Get ready for
PHOTODAY!

Register now so you can view your photos for free on your phone, as soon as they are ready. Just follow these three simple steps.

We will be taking photos in your child's school on:

Monday 10th January
Absentees from previous session

Please register by **7pm** on the day before your Photoshoot



STEP 1

Grab your phone and go to
orders.coolforschoolphotography.com

STEP 2

Enter your unique school code.

JRYR3WN



STEP 3

Choose **your child's** class from drop down menu. Fill in **Pupil's** name and complete the other email and mobile information.

That's it! You will receive an email and/or SMS with instructions when photos are ready to view.

Your contact details will be securely stored and kept private, due to strict GDPR compliance. Feel free to visit our webpage for further information. If you have any queries, please contact our friendly customer service team on ... 02892683966



SCHOOL DINNER MENU, £2.60 PER DAY

(VEGETARIAN OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE – REFER TO WEBSITE)

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| <u>Monday 10th January</u> Salmon Cakes, Peas, Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Chilli Dip & Crusty Bread ~ Kiwi & Strawberry Flan | <u>Tuesday 11th January</u> Savoury Mince, Sweetcorn, Mashed potatoes & Wheaten Bread ~ Popcorn & Cookie |
| <u>Wednesday 12th January</u> Roast Turkey, Creamed Potatoes, Roast Potatoes, Broccoli, Carrots & Gravy ~ Fresh Fruit & Ice Cream | <u>Thursday 13th January</u> Chicken Curry, Rice, Naan Bread & Carrot Sticks ~ Chocolate Cake & Custard |
| <u>Friday 14th January</u> Chicken Bites, Beans, Chips & Wheaten Bread ~ Watermelon & Yoghurt | Please book both free and paid school meals online for the week ahead via SchoolMoney... |

EXCEPTIONAL WEATHER PROCEDURES

Just this week, we have experienced some very cold weather and light snow. It is unlikely that we will close due to poor weather but we like to share our procedure just in case!

IF THERE IS ICE OR SNOW, PLEASE STICK TO THE GRITTED AREAS FOR SAFETY, BUT STILL TAKE CARE.

Should our school be forced to close in very heavy snow or treacherous conditions during winter, please note the following:

- 🌿 An early notice will be posted on our website: www.ashgroveprimary.com
- 🌿 A text message concerning the closure will be sent to each parent on our 'Class Parents' list/ or the First Contact given by parents to our School Office.
- 🌿 Messages will be posted on our Social Media accounts – Facebook, Twitter and our school app (download the app from our website, itunes or Googleplay).
- 🌿 A message will be shared with parents and carers on our Ashgrove App and See-Saw accounts

You will appreciate, this will be an exceptional circumstance and the school will only be closed if absolutely necessary. Working parents should ensure emergency child care is put in place and phone numbers are up to date should we need to contact you at any time.

