

ASH GREEN WEEKLY NEWS



18 June 2021

Another fantastic week at Ash Green for behaviour and effort and wonderful trips to Lytham and Blackpool (see below). Last night and today have been challenging for us all: it's never easy having to close a class bubble never mind so many at once and we thank parents and carers for their support. Please remember those children should now isolate in homes and gardens until next Friday 25th and not be mixing with other households or playing out. Next week is a very busy one as Year 3 classes go to Yorkshire Wildlife Park on Monday and Tuesday and 2C go to Lytham on Wednesday and 6C Blackpool on Thursday. Keep looking out for further details on Seesaw as we will share wonderful memories on that app as well as posting pictures on Twitter @AshGreenPrimary. Year group Newsletters are also now on the website with details of learning and visits.

BIG SCHOOL TRIP

Date	Class	Destination
Mon 21 June	3T	Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Tues 22 June	3B	Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Wed 23 June	2C	Lytham St. Annes
Thurs 24 June	6C	Blackpool Pleasure Beach
Tues 6 July	5B	Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Thurs 8 July	5W	Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Mon 12 July	1W	Ogden Water
Tues 13 July	1RM	Ogden Water
Thurs 15 July	4S & 4H	Airtime

Seas the Day

All Class 2W children had an amazing day at the seaside on Wednesday. The weather was warm and the children enjoyed playing on the beach.

Staff have posted on Seesaw, so please log in and have a look.



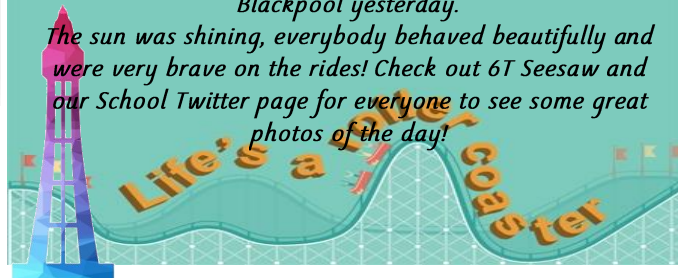
HAPPY FRIDAY

Please remember to those attending school, we are promoting 'Scool or Cycle to School' to encourage healthier lifestyles and protect the environment. We have storage available across both sites to ensure safety of bikes and scooters.



Our Year 6 class at the Upper Site had a fantastic day at Blackpool yesterday.

The sun was shining, everybody behaved beautifully and were very brave on the rides! Check out 6T Seesaw and our School Twitter page for everyone to see some great photos of the day!



YEAR 6

Year 6 children starting at Park Lane will attend from MONDAY 12 JULY for the last 2 weeks of this term. Children attending Park Lane AND Trinity Academy Halifax, will have their last day with us on Friday 9 July. As this will be all of Year 6's last day together it will be a day of celebration and we will ensure a special ceremony for the leavers which will be filmed and available on class Seesaw platforms. LOOK OUT for further details nearer the time.

The other Year 6 children WILL be in our school on the 16th and will have activities planned for the morning with Mrs Haider and Mr Heppenstall. Those Year 6 children (attending Brooksbank, Brighouse, Trinity Academy Sowerby, Lightcliffe and Calder) will have information from their new secondary school on arrangements for their transition.

COVID-19 UPDATE

The Delta variant of COVID-19 (the variant of Indian origin) is much more transmissible than previous variants, and as a result we are seeing rapid increase in COVID infection in Calderdale. Symptoms in children and young people aren't always as obvious as they are in adults, but if your child has a raised temperature it's really important you take them for a PCR test at a testing centre. Public Health have advised schools that any child with a raised temperature, a new cough or a change to their sense of taste or smell should be asked not to attend school and seek a PCR test. If the test comes back negative, children can return to school but Public Health have advised that if parents refuse a test for their child, the child will need to remain off school for 10 days from start of symptoms. Testing is widely available across the borough, with regular testing in Halifax, Todmorden, Mixenden and Brighouse and pop-up testing in other areas of the borough on occasion.

Firstly, thank you for all your support this morning. It is an awful situation to have to close one bubble never mind multiple bubbles. Secondly, I want to allay any concerns that we have multiple cases of Covid 19: we do NOT. We have had to take ultra-cautious action based on Public Health advice but the risk to children in the classes sent home is very low indeed but because there has been ANY contact at all with a positive case, we have had to take this extreme action. We also know that this has meant some siblings are also not in school due to parents and carers being unable to leave isolating children alone. We appreciate this is very difficult. However, all bubbles that are open have had no contact with any positive Covid case and will remain open. We welcome 2C back on Monday 21st June.

All bubbles closed today will be back open on Monday 28th June. Children in Reception, Year 1 and 4 who are at home today and next week will be set work daily on Tapestry and Seesaw. If parents and carers cannot access this and would like paper activities, please ring school and let us know, we will deliver that with meal provision (see below!)

We would not have been able to get so many hand prepared food packs to over 150 children early next week. I have managed to get £15 food vouchers from Morrison's for every Reception and Year 1 child and also for the Year 4 children eligible for Free School Meals. These will be delivered early next week.

Thank you. Mr. Sheppard

Keeping Families Safe in Calderdale

COVID-19 related absence from school or childcare: a guide for parents and carers

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with COVID-19 have at least 1 of these symptoms.

If your child has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19

- Keep your child at home.
- Arrange a test online (search NHS COVID-19 testing) or by calling 119 as soon as possible.
- Anyone your child lives with, and anyone in your support bubble, must also stay at home. When you get your test result you will be advised what to do

If you or your child are worried about COVID-19, speak to your health visitor or school nurse

Health Visiting Team: 030 0304 5076

School Nursing Team: 030 3330 9974

What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school/setting when...
...my child has one or more of the main COVID-19 symptoms	...the test comes back negative. If the test comes back negative, see advice below. If you are unable to get a test for your child within 5 days of them developing symptoms, you must follow the advice below → Arrange a test for anyone in the household with symptoms → Inform school/setting about test result	→ Do not come to school/setting → Contact school/setting to inform us → Self-isolate the whole household including siblings → Arrange a test for anyone in the household with symptoms → Inform school/setting about test result
...my child has a runny nose, sore throat, headache, sickness or diarrhoea but doesn't have	→ Contact school or setting to inform us if your child won't be attending → Ring on each day of illness	... they feel well enough to do so, and after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea
...my child tests positive for COVID-19	→ Do not come to school/setting → Contact school/setting to inform us → Self-isolate the whole household including siblings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For anyone with symptoms: this is for at least 10 days from when they started with symptoms - For anyone who doesn't develop symptoms: this is for at least 14 days from when the first person started 	...10 days have passed since symptoms began, and the child feels well and does not have a temperature. The child can return even if they still have a cough or loss/change to their sense of taste or smell as these symptoms can last for several weeks Remember, others in your household may still be self-isolating
... I am unable to get a test for my child within 5 days of them developing symptoms of COVID-19	→ Do not come to school/setting → Contact school/setting to inform us → Self-isolate the whole household including siblings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For anyone with symptoms: this is for at least 10 days from when they started with symptoms - For anyone who doesn't develop symptoms: this is at least 10 days from when the first person started with symptoms 	...10 days have passed since the symptoms began, and the child feels well and does not have a temperature. The child can return even if they still have a cough or loss/change to their sense of taste or smell as these symptoms can last for several weeks. Remember, others in your household may still be self-isolating. If the child is a contact of a confirmed case, develops symptoms, and cannot get a test, they must continue to self-isolate for the full 10 days
...my child tests negative for COVID-19	→ Contact school/setting to inform us → Discuss with us when your child can come back	...they feel well enough to do so, unless: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Anyone else in the household has tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 10 days → Anyone else in the household has symptoms and hasn't received a negative test result → They are a contact of a confirmed case → They have returned from abroad are required to quarantine (as per current Government advice)
...someone in my household (other than my child) has COVID-19 symptoms	→ Do not come to school/setting → Contact school/setting to inform us → Self-isolate the whole household → Arrange a test for anyone in the household with symptoms → Inform school/setting about test result	... the test comes back negative or ten days have passed since the person started with symptoms

What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school/setting when...
...someone in my household (other than my child) tests positive for COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Do not come to school/setting → Contact school/setting to inform us → Self-isolate the whole household <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For anyone with symptoms: this is for at least 10 days from when they started with symptoms. For anyone who doesn't develop symptoms: this is at least 10 days from when the first person started with symptoms 	<p>... 10 days have passed since the person developed symptoms</p> <p>If your child develops symptoms during this time, you should arrange a test. If they test positive or are not tested they must stay at home for 10 days from when they started with symptoms</p>
... I am unable to get a test for someone in my household (other than my child) within 5 days of them developing symptoms COVID-19 symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Do not come to school/setting → Contact school/setting to inform us → Self-isolate the whole household including siblings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For anyone with symptoms: this is for at least 10 days from when they started with symptoms - For anyone who doesn't develop symptoms: this is at least 10 days from when the first person started with symptoms 	<p>... 10 days have passed since the person developed symptoms</p> <p>If your child develops symptoms during this time, you should arrange a test. If they test positive or are not tested they must stay at home for 10 days from when they started with symptoms</p>
...Someone in my household had a test for COVID-19 but the result was inconclusive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Continue to self-isolate the whole household → Arrange a retest if possible within 5 days from the person starting with symptoms. → If you are unable to arrange a retest, follow advise above for "I am unable to get a test" 	<p>... 10 days have passed since the person developed symptoms, if unable to get a retest.</p> <p>if able to get a retest, see advise boxes on what to do if someone tests positive or negative for COVID-19.</p>
... my child has been identified as a contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Do not come to school/setting → Contact school/setting to inform us → If the contact was within school/setting, you will receive a notification letter from us → Do not arrange a test unless your child develops symptoms → Siblings can continue to attend 	<p>... 10 days have passed since the person developed symptoms (or since the date of their test if they did not have symptoms).</p> <p>If your child develops symptoms during this time, you should arrange a test. If they test positive or are not tested they must stay at home for 10 days from when they started with symptoms</p>
... someone else in my household has been identified as a contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → The household member must self-isolate for 10 days → The person should not arrange a test unless they develop symptoms → Child can continue to attend school → Siblings can continue to attend 	<p>... child can continue to attend</p>
... I've heard that someone at school has tested positive for COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → If your child is identified as a contact, you will be notified and advised what happens next 	<p>... child can continue to attend</p>
... my child has travelled abroad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → If your child is required to quarantine (as per current Government advice), contact school/setting to inform us → If your child is not required to quarantine, they can return to school/setting → You should not arrange a test for COVID-19 unless your child develops symptoms 	<p>... your child has completed quarantine, if required</p>
... I have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding	<p>Do not come to school/setting</p> <p>Contact school/setting to inform us</p>	<p>...you are informed that restrictions are lifted, and shielding is paused again</p>
... someone in my household has symptoms of COVID-19 but a lateral flow test (LFT) they use for work is negative	<p>→ You must arrange PCR testing in the usual way. LFT should not be used to rule out COVID-19 in someone who has symptoms or who has been in contact with a positive case</p>	<p>... the PCR test comes back negative or 10 days have passed since the person started with symptoms</p>