

ASH GREEN Community

PRIMARY SCHOOL

A good week with many children and staff returning after Covid and we all have our fingers crossed that cases reduce as we go into next week. Next week will start to feel a little Christmassy! On Tuesday, our Rocksteady musicians will perform to the school and this performance will be filmed and shared with the musicians' families! We will also be rehearsing for Christmas Nativity and Carol performances. Individual teachers will keep families updated on the App (Seesaw and EExAT also) as we will ensure that performances are filmed and shared with families of classes from each separate production. We have also arranged various treats for our children with advent calendars, selection boxes and individual gifts all on the way next week....

3 DECEMBER 2021











We will all wear our Christmas Jumpers to school with a £1 donation to raise money for Overgate Hospice, Forget-Me-Not Children's Hospice and Ronald McDonald House charities.







We will enjoy Christmas dinner together with staff sitting with their class as we do each year.

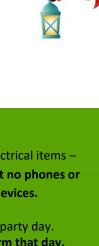






Children will have a fun filled last day with Christmas Parties and a buffet lunch.









CHILDREN WILL FINISH ON FRIDAY 17 DECEMBER
AT 2.15PM







Remember that if anyone in your family is showing symptoms of Covid 19:

- A high temperature for any period of time
- A new and continuous cough
- A loss of smell or taste

## That person will need a Covid 19 PCR test. For this, follow: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/

If a child or staff member shows these symptoms they should NOT come into school/will be sent home from school. A test should be arranged. When the test is negative they can return.

IF a test is positive that person would need to isolate for 10 days and we would contact the families of anyone we felt may have been a contact.

There is no longer a requirement for children under 18 or double jabbed adults to isolate as contacts. However, national guidance is that those contacts- including household members of the positive case- take a PCR test, they do not have to isolate unless that test proved positive. At Ash Green, if we hear of a positive case then we WILL inform the families of children who may have been contacts and recommend as a minimum that they take a PCR test but those children CAN still come to school If the child subsequently showed symptoms then they would have to isolate for 10 days or take a PCR test which if negative would mean they could return. REMEMBER, CALDERDALE (WHERE RATES ARE IN THE HIGHEST IN THE UK) GUIDANCE IS THAT CHILD HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL IF THERE IS A POSITIVE CASE IN THE HOUSE UNTIL THEIR OWN PCR TEST (RECOMMENDED 3 DAYS AFTER THE POSITIVE TEST FOR A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER) IS NEGATIVE.

It remains such a difficult time for us all. Covid cases are still worryingly high, we have had EVEN MORE staff and children test positive this week, and we must put continued measures in place to support distancing, increased hygiene and prevent widespread contact between groups. The safety and welfare of our children, families and staff members is paramount. I know this causes some families some frustration when traditional 'face to face events' have to be delivered virtually, or even postponed, but this remains a critical time for the health of our school community and that of the nation.