



NEW ASH GREEN SCHOOL NEWS



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WELCOME BACK NEWSLETTER TERM 1 2020/2021

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Curriculum Core Values: **Resilience**, **Challenge**, **Curiosity**, **Independence**, **Inspiration**, **Self Motivation**



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to the beginning of Term 1 for the 2020/2021 academic year. I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful break over the summer and the lovely autumnal sunshine over the weekend. It has been such a pleasure to see so many children attend school over the last few days during these uncertain times. I am also hugely grateful for your patience and understanding in adopting the new drop off and collection procedures, as your co-operation ensures the school remains a safe and secure environment for all the children. Your punctuality in the morning and afternoon is also very much appreciated and is vital for the smooth running of the school. Due to the unprecedented time lost during the last academic year, Kent County Council has taken the decision to delay the Kent Test for our new Year 6 children. The revised date for this to take place will now be **Thursday 15th October**. Further details to support parents and carers regarding this will be sent to you soon. In the meantime, I am sure you will all join me in wishing our Year 6 children the very best of luck.

Mrs C.A. Cain, Headteacher

NEW LUNCH ORDERING SYSTEM



Details of our new lunch ordering system were sent to all parents and carers last week. If you still need to register your child to receive a hot meal and have not received this information, then please let the school office know. Menus will be available to view on the school website this week.

REMINDER: NEW YEAR 6 KENT TEST DATE

Thursday 15th October 2020

Please do take a note of the new date for the Year 6 Kent Test, which was moved from Thursday 10th September to **Thursday, 15th October 2020** due to the impact of the coronavirus.

PROVISION OF FRUIT FOR KS1 CHILDREN

The provision of fruit for KS1 children will resume this week. For KS2 children, we would ask that they continue to bring in one piece of fruit for break time. Thank you.



SPARE TRAINERS FOR SCHOOL



To cope with the muddy weather, we would ask that each child brings in a spare pair of trainers to be kept in school. Detailed overleaf are the days your child is to come to school in their PE Kit.

REMINDER: DROP OFF AND COLLECTION TIMES

- **Reception Classes (R3 and R4)** drop off at **9.15am** and collect at **3pm** on Roundwood Playground - with effect from **21st Sept.**
- **Year 1 (R5 and R6) and Year 2 (R1 and R2)** drop off at **9.05am** and collect at **3.10pm** on Roundwood Playground.
- **Year 3 (B3 and B4) and Year 4 (B1 and B2)** drop off at **8.55am** and collect at **3.20pm** on Hemstalls Playground.
- **Year 5 (H3 and H4) and Year 6 (H1 and H2)** drop off at **8.45am** and collect at **3.30pm** on Hemstalls Playground

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Returning to primary school: what parents need to know



From the autumn term, all children in England will return to school full-time. We're doing everything we can to ensure your children are safe and happy at school.

Why are children going back to school now?

School is the best place for children to learn and for their overall wellbeing. It gives them a routine and helps them develop their social skills. They also get to see their friends and teachers. It is vital that all children return to school in the autumn. Attendance will be mandatory again from the beginning of the new term. The prevalence of coronavirus (COVID-19) has decreased since schools and colleges restricted their opening to most pupils in March.

Is it safe for my child to return to school?

Public Health England (PHE) is clear that the risk of catching coronavirus (COVID-19) is low if schools apply a system of stringent controls to reduce the risk of spreading the virus. This includes regular handwashing and cleaning measures.

We are advising schools and parents to make sure that anyone with symptoms does not attend. The chance of children becoming severely ill from the virus is also very low.

Do children transmit coronavirus (COVID-19) more than adults?

No. Children are no more likely to transmit the virus than adults. In fact, there is reasonable evidence that primary school age children have a significantly lower rate of infection than adults, although this is not yet conclusive.

Will my child be expected to socially distance in primary school?

We understand that young children find it hard to socially distance. To reduce risk, we are currently advising primary schools to create small groups, or 'bubbles', of children, with no mixing between bubbles. We realise some siblings are likely to be in different bubbles. However, we know that it still helps to reduce risk by keeping groups as separate as possible in school.

What should I do if my child or someone in my household has symptoms?

It's important that if your child (or anyone in their household) has any coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms, they do not attend school and stay at home. You should arrange for them

Visit www.gov.uk/backtoschool for more information on returning to school safely. Your child's school will have more information about the changes they have made ahead of your child's return in the autumn term.

Viv Bennett,
Public Health England's
Chief Nurse, has said:

“Parents can be reassured that to maximise safety in schools, an extremely stringent system of controls has been advised by PHE and is published in DfE guidance.

Evidence so far indicates that schools do not appear to be a primary driver of coronavirus infections in the community.

Globally children and young people have been found to experience coronavirus asymptotically or as a minor illness.”

to get a test and tell your school the test results. This will help the NHS Test and Trace process. If you have a positive test result, your household should remain at home and follow the Test and Trace self-isolation guidance.

What happens if there is an outbreak in my child's school or my local area?

If there is an outbreak at the school, local health protection teams will work with the school to agree what action is needed. Usually, the school will not need to close fully, but in case it does need to close for some children, it will have a contingency plan in place so that your child's education can continue. If your local area sees a spike in infection rates that is resulting in localised community spread, the government will decide what actions need to be taken.

Is there different advice for children who are clinically extremely vulnerable?

Shielding advice for all adults and children paused on 1 August. This means that even the small number of pupils who are still on the shielded patient list and those who have family members who are shielding can return to their school.

REMINDER: PE KIT TO BE WORN TO SCHOOL WHEN YOUR CHILD HAS PE

We would like to remind all parents and carers that on the day your child is due to have their PE lesson, they will need to arrive at school wearing their PE Kit. In colder weather, this may also include a dark coloured tracksuit in either black, grey or bottle green. Trainers may be worn instead of plimsolls.

Reminder stickers for your child to wear their PE kit will go home with your child the day before their lesson.



PE KIT DAY - TIMETABLE

Please see the days your child will need to come into school wearing their PE Kit for Week 1 and Week 2.

This will repeat throughout the term.



From Mon, 7th Sept: **From Mon, 14th Sept:**

Class	PE Days for Week 1	PE Days for Week 2
Roundwood 1	Friday	Tuesday
Roundwood 2	Tuesday	Thursday
Roundwood 3	Wednesday	Wednesday
Roundwood 4	Thursday	Thursday
Roundwood 5	Friday	Tuesday
Roundwood 6	Tuesday	Friday
Bramleyham 1	Thursday	Tuesday
Bramleyham 2	Tuesday	Thursday
Bramleyham 3	Wednesday	Tuesday
Bramleyham 4	Tuesday	Wednesday
Hemstalls 1	Friday	Tuesday
Hemstalls 2	Tuesday	Friday
Hemstalls 3	Tuesday	Wednesday
Hemstalls 4	Wednesday	Tuesday

New Class Names for 2020/2021:

Reception	R3: The Squirrel Nutkins
	R4: The Gruffalos
Year 1	R5: The Hairy Maclarys
	R6: The Tigers
Year 2	R1: The Hodgehegs
	R2: The Mugglewumps
Year 3	B3: Danny's Champions
	B4: The Iron Giants
Year 4	B1: The Gnashers
	B2: The Varjak Paws
Year 5	H3: The Mad Hatters
	H4: The Artful Dodgers
Year 6	H1: The Skelligs
	H2: The Harry Potters

New Ash Green Primary School

Academic Term Dates 2020-2021

AUTUMN TERM 2020

INSET DAYS	Tuesday 1 st September and Wednesday 2 nd September
Term 1	Thursday 3 rd September - Friday 23 rd October
HALF TERM	Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October
Term 2	Monday 2 nd November - Friday 18 th December
CHRISTMAS BREAK	Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January

SPRING TERM 2021

INSET DAYS	Monday 4 th and Tuesday 5 th January
Term 3	Wednesday 6 th January - Friday 12 th February
HALF TERM	Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February
Term 4	Monday 22 nd February - Thursday 1 st April
Bank Holidays	Good Friday 2 nd April and Easter Monday 5 th April
EASTER BREAK	Tuesday 6th April - Friday 16th April

SUMMER TERM 2021

Term 5	Monday 19 th April - 28 th May
Bank Holidays	Monday 3 rd May and Monday 31 st May
HALF TERM	Tuesday 1st June - Friday 4th June
INSET DAY	Monday 7 th June
Term 6	Tuesday 8 th June - Wednesday 21 st July

INSET days: In-Service Training Days when children do not attend school

