



11th September 2020 Newsletter

Firstly, I hope your child / children have enjoyed their first full week back at school. Your children have been absolutely brilliant, they have adjusted incredibly well to the new ways of working as a result of the measures we are implementing to keep everyone safe and we are very proud of them.

Drop off and Collection

We are delighted that the drop off and collection system has flowed so well and recognise the important role our parents have played, thank you for your support with this. To ensure the arrangements continue to run smoothly please remember to stick to your allocated times. You have a 10 minute window to arrive so please don't arrive earlier and then wait on the pavement as this causes congestion and makes social distancing difficult for members of the public. To minimise the risk of spreading the Corona virus we are limiting the number of adults that enter our site during the school day, with this in mind we would also ask that you try to avoid changing collection arrangements unless absolutely necessary. If it is unavoidable please make sure that the person collecting is aware of and adheres to our collection protocols, and please give the office as much notice as possible.

Dropping children off outside of school

Please do not drop your child/ren off outside school on the yellow zig zags and double yellow lines. Under no circumstances should you park on these markings at any time, they are there to protect school entrances and leave a clear view of the road for other road users and pedestrians. We will monitor this and speak directly to repeat offenders if necessary.

Bude 2020

We are disappointed but not surprised to let you know that Adventure International has confirmed this week that the Yr5/6 Bude trip booked for 4th – 9th October this year will not go ahead. I am however pleased to inform you that Mrs Powell (Head teacher) and our School Governors are determined that parents should not suffer any financial loss due to the cancellation as a result of these unprecedented circumstances.

Arrangements will soon be underway to process the refund of all payments made via ParentPay over the next couple of weeks. If you made any payments in cash please contact us so that alternative arrangements can be made. Please bear with us whilst we are working on this but if you have any queries in the meantime please feel free to ring or email Mrs Burton at r.burton@ashbyce.leics.sch.uk.

Hot Dinners

Please remember that the cost of Hot Dinners has increased by 5p per day to £2.30 per day (£11.50 per week). Unfortunately, we are not currently able to sell healthy snacks and milkshakes during morning playtime so please ensure children bring a healthy snack and their water bottle each day. Furthermore, sadly, we are unable to distribute sweets / cakes for a child who is celebrating their birthday however be reassured we will find other ways to make them feel special on their birthday!

New intake Autumn term 2021

Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions we will be unable to operate open evening events for new parents in the same way that we have in previous years. As a result we are currently preparing a digital presentation and virtual tour of the school for prospective parents and we hope that it will be ready for release before the end of September 2020 for children due to start school in the Autumn term 2021. If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about our Foundation stage provision please give us a ring to register your interest and we will send the presentation to you as soon as it is ready. More details can be found on the school's website.

Attendance & Covid Symptoms

The Department for Education has made it clear that all students should now have returned to school and we are required to follow up any absences. Please help us by ringing the school office before 9:00am and leaving a message which clearly states your child's name, class and reason for absence. We request that you do this for each day of the absence.

It is inevitable, especially at this time of the year, that children will experience the usual cold and cough symptoms. Providing your child is feeling well enough to attend school and is not displaying any of the symptoms below they should still be attending school. We ask that you reinforce to your child the importance of good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach. All classrooms are well supplied with tissues and lidded bins and teachers (alongside posters in classrooms) will remind children of this approach.



In order to help you to navigate through the very complicated and somewhat confusing process of Covid 19 related pupil absence I have included a quick reference guide which I'm hoping you will find informative and easy to follow. I would recommend that you keep either an electronic / paper copy of this guide for parents to hand. We will also ensure that this reference guide is uploaded to our school website.

As always, thank you so much for all your support and working in partnership with us to achieve the very best outcome for our whole school community.

Covid-19 related pupil absence

A quick reference guide for parents and staff (September 2020)

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
...my child has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school - Contact school to inform us - Self-isolate the whole household - Get a test - Inform the school immediately about the test result 	...the test comes back negative or a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started, and the child feels well.
...my child tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 10 days). - Self-isolate the whole household. 	...10 days have passed since symptoms began, even if they still have a cough or loss of taste/smell. <i>(These symptoms can last for several weeks.)</i> AND the child feels well.
...my child tests negative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact school to inform us. - Discuss when your child can come back (same day/next day). 	...the test comes back negative.
...my child is ill with symptoms not linked to Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Ring on each day of illness. 	...after 48 hours following the last bout of sickness or diarrhoea (as per attendance policy)
...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Self-isolate the whole household. - Household member to get a test. - Inform school immediately about test result. 	...the test comes back negative.
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days). - Self-isolate the whole household. 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Agree an earliest date for possible return (minimum of 14 days). 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified a household member (other than my child) as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The household member must self-isolate for 14 days. - Child can continue to attend school. 	...child can continue to attend school
... a sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to their being a positive case in their school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sibling must self-isolate for 14 days. - Ashby C of E child(ren) can continue to attend. 	...child can continue to attend school
... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that is NOT on the exempt list of countries.	<p>If returning from a destination where quarantine is needed*:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - minimum of 14 days self-isolation for all those who travelled. - contact school to inform us you are back in the country and we will agree an earliest date for possible return to school. - Self-isolate the whole household. <p>*Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) – for up to date travel information</p>	...the quarantine period of 14 days has been completed.

<p>... my child has travelled abroad from a country or territory that IS on the exempt list of countries.</p>	<p>If returning from a destination where quarantine is NOT needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check the current Exempt countries and territories list to confirm the country you have travelled from or through is on the exempt list. - Ring school to inform us you have returned to the UK and agree a return date to school. 	<p>... you have informed the office of your return to the UK (<i>the office will ask you a few questions about your travel</i>).</p>
<p>...I have travelled from a country that requires us to quarantine (but my child didn't travel).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As long as you do not have / have not had symptoms in the last 14 days, your child can continue to attend school. - The person who has travelled MUST NOT leave the house, including to do pick-ups and drop offs (<i>please contact school if you need support getting your child to school</i>). 	<p>...child can continue to attend school</p>
<p>...we have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again. 	<p>...school inform you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again. ...you receive medical advice that your child may return to school.</p>
<p>...my child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Child must not come to school. - Support your child at home with remote education provided by your school. - Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days. - Other siblings may continue to attend school. 	<p>...school inform you that the bubble will be reopened.</p>
<p>... I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms</p>	<p><i>If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, your child and anyone they live with must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days. Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.</i></p>	<p>...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.</p>