

Headteacher's Newsletter

4/9/2020

Ashfield Valley Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome back so many pupils and to see our families at school. Thank you for following the new procedures – it has made the whole process much easier. The children have settled well and quickly adjusted to the new routines. It is very pleasing to see that they are already working hard – which is what we expect.

Attendance

May I remind you that attendance at school is mandatory – your child must attend.

I understand that many parents will have worries and concerns about children returning to school, especially if there are vulnerable or elderly family members at home. I would like to reassure you that our risk assessment and procedures have been passed by the Local Authority and we have been judged as safe to open. The procedures that we have in place are on the website and I am happy to talk these through with concerned parents.

However, I must be clear that the government has said that children must attend school and children not currently attending are being marked as unauthorised.

Illness and symptoms

Please do not send your child to school if they are ill and please inform school if they are absent due to illness. If a child has a high temperature please keep them at home. If the children develop a high temperature at school, we will ask parents to collect them and take the children for a Covid test. This may happen quite a lot because many children develop colds at this time of year and we are advised to be cautious by the government. This does not always mean that if children are sent home that they have Covid.

Uniform and Equipment

Please remember to send children in full school uniform with black shoes and not trainers. A PE uniform must be worn and please remember that PE kits should only be brought in on PE days.

Only stud earrings may be worn and these must be removed on PE days before the children come to school. Long hair should be secured by a bobble or plain hair band.

Children should not bring a bag to school, especially a rucksack as there is nowhere to store them safely in the classroom and they are a trip hazard. Children should only bring their coat, a book bag for their reading book, a water bottle and a packed lunch box if required. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Data Collection

A form will be coming home next week to make sure that we have up to date contact information. It is especially important in current circumstances that we have this information in case we need to contact you during the school day. Please make sure that we have 2 contact numbers.

Home learning

All school have to have plans in place, by the end of September, about how we will organise learning from home in case we have a local lockdown, a class bubble has to self-isolate or individual children have to self-isolate. I will be sending home a short questionnaire next week to find out parental views on what works best and how we can work with families to make sure that home learning is successful. Please complete this form and send it back to school because your views are important to us.

Please remember that if you have any questions or concerns to contact the school office and we will be happy to discuss these with you.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

With kind regards

Mrs H Edge