

Headteacher's Newsletter

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Ashfield Valley Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and your families are well.

Firstly, we are sorry for any confusion caused by text messages from school last week – this was due to miscommunication on our part - apologies.

Please remember to keep your children at home if they are ill and if they, or anyone in the household, has any of the following symptoms then please make sure that they get a Covid-19 test: a new, continuous cough, a high temperature or a change in or loss of their normal sense of taste or smell. Please contact school if you have any questions about this.

Data Collection

A data collection form has been sent home to all parents and carers. Please return this to school as soon as possible. It is vital that we have up to date contact information. Please make sure that we have an email address – this will allow us to contact you more easily than at present.

Learning from Home

Thank you for your responses to my questions about preferred home learning during isolation. We are taking your views into account as we make plans to improve our offer. This is what will happen if your child or their bubble need to isolate:

- We will contact parents/carers to come to school to collect their child from the classroom or we will text if we receive a notification before the start of school.
- The children will bring home a learning pack with plans and resources for two weeks of learning or the packs will be delivered by school.
- The lessons in the pack will be linked to current learning in the class and will make use of the lessons on Oak Academy – a national website that school are being encouraged to use by the government. Teachers are going through how to use the packs with the children this week so that they are familiar.
- Children who are isolating can also make use of the following resources for which they have log-ins:
 - Purple Mash, Education City, Times Tables Rock Stars (KS2)
 - Knowledge organisers which are on the school website and contain key facts and vocabulary for each topic that the children are studying
- A member of staff will contact each family to check that everything is going well with the learning and to answer any questions.
- Parents will be told either by text or letter when the return date for the children will be.
- Learning packs must be returned to school where they will be quarantined and then looked at by the class teacher. Children who do not complete the learning at home will be expected to complete the tasks for homework and I will discuss this with parents/carers.
- We are in the process of recording stories and phonics videos which will be put on the school website.
- Please ensure that if your child is isolating then they stay at home and do not come with you to school when you pick up their brothers and sisters.

Parking

It has been brought to my attention that some drivers are not being careful when parking outside the main gates. A parent and child were almost hit by a car yesterday. Please think about the safety of our pupils and be considerate to our neighbours. May I also remind you that parents' are not to park on the school grounds. Again, this is for the safety of our pupils. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

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