



Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other

Dear Parents,

Ashwater Ofsted

We are so pleased by the outcome of Ashwater School's recent Ofsted inspection. We are delighted that Ofsted have continued to rate Ashwater School as a 'Good' school. Ashwater School had what is called an 'ungraded' inspection because it was already a good school. This means the highest grade that could be achieved is to remain 'Good'.

Here is a message from our Chair of Governors

OFSTED Inspection of our school

Hopefully you have all had a chance to read the report by OFSTED following their inspection of our school just before Christmas. If you have not done so yet do look at it, it makes an informative read.

Two inspectors spent a full day in the school and every aspect was probed and queried. Given the relatively small size of our school you can be assured that nothing was missed.

In my years as a school governor, I have seen many OFSTED reports but this one is an absolute pleasure to read. The inspectors have fully endorsed what we already knew that Ashwater is a really good school.

Our children are happy to come to school, considerate and love to learn. Importantly they feel safe and the older ones support the younger ones. It's a real family.

Well-deserved praise is given to Mrs Alford and her team for always expecting, and achieving, the best for all our children.

Please join me in thanking her and all the staff for doing such a superb job. And thank you for both choosing Ashwater and then supporting the team.

John Lawlor

Chair of the Governors

The full report can be read here: <https://www.thecareyfederation.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/Ofsted-Ashwater-Primary-School-Final-2022.pdf>

As we have already shared with you, Ashwater Primary School is now officially a school for children 2-11 years of age. This means the future of the pre-school is secured. This together with our excellent Ofsted report secures the future of Ashwater School and historic concerns about its viability are well and truly put to bed.

Enrichment Opportunities

Well done to our netball team who competed on Monday at Holsworthy. The children selected for the team were: Y5 and Y6 and Amelia. They showed a real 'Aim High' attitude and progressed well throughout the tournament getting to the semi-final and securing 3rd place.



The Federation is part of the Devon Independent Schools Partnership (DISP) which is a collaboration of maintained primary schools, which we were instrumental in setting up. As part of this, theatre and drama workshops with the MED Theatre Group, have been organised at Hatherleigh Primary School. These are aimed at pupils who have particular talent in drama. Megan and Evie (Y6) were selected to attend these and are thoroughly enjoying them.

Icy Weather

Thank you for patience and understanding with the delayed start last Wednesday due to the snow and ice. We do appreciate that this will cause inconvenience to parents, particularly if you have work or other commitments. The decision is never taken lightly but we have to risk assess whether our staff will be able to safely reach us in time in order to have sufficient ratios. It also means parents and children can come in safely, without rushing. We will always do our best to keep the school open and the delayed start enables us to do this. The icy conditions continued through the week but we were able to open at the usual time. However, I know that some parents struggled to make it in on time because their localised areas were icy. Safety must always come first and we would rather you come in safely than rush and risk an accident.



Industrial Action

I can confirm that industrial action will not affect the school on February 1st so school will be open as normal.

At this point, I do not believe that the school will be affected by strike action on the other dates of 2nd March, 15th March and 16th March. However, if this changes, I will of course let you know.

Home-Learning

To update you, teachers will be introducing children to Mathletics this week in class and then it will be set as Home-Learning from week commencing 30th January. The Reception and Y1 version is called Maths Seed. Information will be shared with you next week, regarding how to access this from home.

Reading Buddy will be introduced shortly after Mathletics.

Staff News

The search for a Kitchen Manager continues and Devon Norse are working hard to find a permanent replacement. We hope this position will be filled soon. I am aware having cover staff is not the same as having our own cook. Thank you for your patience with this.

I am pleased to tell you that we have recruited Rose Allen as a new Meal Time Assistant. Rose has many years' experience in this role and we look forward to her joining the team. Rose will be mostly based at Halwill but will also support at Ashwater. She has also experience as a Teaching Assistant so will help in Class 1 in Ashwater while Mrs Barrett is off.

In addition, we welcome Evanda Hill, who has been appointed as a casual Meal Time Assistant and Breakfast Club cover. Evanda has also experience of working in schools.

Safeguarding at Ashwater

The Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs R Alford

Attendance Officer:

Miss S Revers

Safeguarding Governor:

Mrs A Clark

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead:

Mrs R Cawsey—SENDCo

Miss H Frayn

We thank Gail Marshal for her many years as Safeguarding Governor. Due to Gail's other commitments, she has stepped down from this role and Alison Clark is now the new Safeguarding Governor.

Snapchat

Snapchat is an app with an age restriction of 13. If messages are sent they disappear so it has the potential to be used as a form of bullying. Some children like the filter elements which allow you to change the way they look e.g. as an animal or a baby. It is advisable that if they are using Snapchat filters in this way, that they are supervised by an adult and that any images are not shared with others. Please see further information about Snapchat below.

Snapchat is a photo sharing app for mobile phones and tablets. The app allows users to share images for a limited number of seconds, chat with users before messages disappear, and share images with their friends list through a 'story'.

What parents need to know about SNAPCHAT

SNAP MAP
In 2017, Snapchat introduced a new feature called Snap Map, which allows users to see the EXACT location of the people on their friends list in real time and which displays from around the world. Users can view a map called a 'Snap Map'. This feature completely exposes your child's location and users can potentially follow your child from their home to their school.

'SNAP STREAKS'
'Streaks' tell users how many days in a row they have spoken to each other. To create a streak, users put a photo or video of themselves in a story and then a friend replies with a photo or video. If a person forgets to message or send a picture to their friend, breaking that 200-day streak, this could cause a confrontation between the friends. This can put an incredible amount of pressure on children to keep streaks.

SCREENSHOTS
While Snapchat's gimmick is that all photos and videos disappear after a maximum of 10 seconds, users can still screenshot or save them. Users may sometimes forget that screenshots are possible in the app and send an image to someone they trust.

SEXTING
Due to 'Snap' disappearing soon after they're received, users can even send a one second photo or video. Snapchat has become the chosen platform for sending sexually explicit images or videos to someone. The short amount of time gives children the confidence to send the pictures.
Once a photo/video has been screenshot, this can lead to further dangers, such as blackmail and cyberbullying. It is illegal to make, possess, download, share and share sexual images, photos and videos of a person under the age of 18. This also includes any sexual images, photos and videos that a child may have taken of themselves.
However, if a young person is found creating or sharing images, the police can choose to record that a crime has been committed, but that taking formal action isn't in the public interest.

Top Tips for Parents

THINK BEFORE YOU SNAP
Ensure that your child knows that 'Snaps' can be screenshot and teach them that if they post anything potentially embarrassing or harmful (either of themselves or someone else) it can have severe consequences, as if the message lasted forever.

TURN OFF 'QUICK ADD'
'Quick add' helps friends find each other on the app. This is based on mutual friends or if their number is in their phone book. Explain to your child that this feature can open up their profile to strangers. We highly recommend that your child turns off the 'Quick Add' feature.

EDUCATE ABOUT RISKS OF SEXTING
It can be slightly awkward talking about this topic with your child, but it helps them protect themselves. There is no shame in talking to them about the consequences of sexting and make sure that they're aware of the risks prior to using Snapchat.

REPORTING INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
If your child is receiving inappropriate content, it's important that you report it. First block the sender to prevent any further messages. You can then report this by sending an email to safety@snapchat.com. If the problem persists, contact CEOP at ceop.gov/report.

RESTRICT WHO CAN VIEW THEIR STORY
Your child can add videos and images to their 'Story' throughout the day which last for 24 hours. By default, anyone in their friends list can see their story. We recommend that children only share their close friends and family on the app.

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ENTER 'GHOST' MODE ON SNAP MAPS
We highly recommend enabling Ghost Mode on the app so that your child's location will no longer be visible to anyone on the 'Snap Map'. To enable this go onto the Snap Map and tap the map in the top right corner. Here, change your settings to 'Ghost Mode'.

HOW TO DEACTIVATE SNAPCHAT
If your child wanted to delete their Snapchat account, simply deleting the app from their phone is not enough. To deactivate the account, users will have to log in to their account on desktop or on their mobile device (not through the app). Here, you:
1) Go to support.snapchat.com/delete-account
2) Then, click on 'Delete my account'
3) You will then be asked to enter your username and password again.

DISAPPEARING ILLEGAL CONTENT
Snapchat deletes by default which means every opened snap image or video is automatically deleted. If your child has seen criminal activity on Snapchat, you should report it immediately. See 'Reporting Inappropriate Content' above.

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Dates for your diary:

January

26th Bag2School

February

8th Class 1 Assembly 9.15am

13th to 17th Half term

March

24th Class 2 Assembly 9.15am

31st End of term

April

17th Start of summer term

May

1st Bank holiday

8th Bank holiday

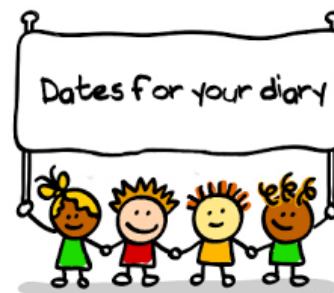
29th May to 2nd June Half term

June

5th Non-pupil day

July

21st Last day of term



The Carey Qualities

Relationships by being **Resilient, Resourceful, Reflective** and **Respectful**

Each Thursday children are awarded certificates in our Celebration Assembly for making a significant effort to develop one of our Carey Qualities. Last week the following children were awarded certificates. Well done to them all.



For building Relationships	For being Resilient	For being Resourceful	For being Reflective	For being Respectful
Ayda Elisabeth	Darcey Faith Reggie Joshua B			

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Our next **Bag2School** collection
has been arranged for

Thursday 26th January 2023, Ashwater School

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at 9 am am / pm

Any questions - please ask your
school collection organiser

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