



# Ashwater Primary School

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## ***Aim High; Be Resilient; Take Care of Each Other***

Dear Parents,

Last week was a very busy week for the office, as the Federation had an internal audit from Devon County Council. The remit of the audit is wide and includes finance, policies, personnel and all aspects of compliance. I am delighted to say I have just received the draft report and it is very strong with the majority of items being given the top grading of 'Substantial Assurance' and a few being in the second top grading. A huge well done to Sue Kennedy, Federation Finance Administrator who is relatively new to the role but has 'Aimed High', along with Sarah Revers, Federation Systems Administrator and Mandy Furse, Ashwater Administrator to ensure all aspects of the Federation administration are of a high standard and I sincerely thank them for their efforts.

In assembly, we looked again at our jigsaw representation of our motto and Carey Qualities and focused on 'Be Resilient'. We talked about the meaning of the word and that it can include being brave to step out of your comfort zone. Children from each class shared examples of when they had to 'Be Resilient'.

### Sports Day Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June

As this is a completely new system, I just want to clarify how the tickets are organised:

By now you should have received 2 tickets per family

You will need to write the names and contact details of each spectator on these and hand them in to a member of the office team, who will be at the side pedestrian gate. This will be necessary for NHS Test and Trace, as well as enabling us to know who is on site for our safeguarding procedures.

If you **do not require both tickets, please return them to school as soon as possible**. We can then reissue them to children who would like to bring an additional adult.

Please email the office if you would like an additional ticket, if any are available, they will be reissued on a first come, first served basis.

If you have a toddler and you are able to find childcare, this would be ideal. If you can't then please keep toddlers on laps / next to you and ensure they keep distance from other households.

This is a completely new and un-trialled way of running Sports Day so we thank you in advance for your patience and understanding if things don't run as smoothly as we hope and if there is any disappointment regarding the number of adults that can attend. We 'Aim High' to work within the legal parameters, whilst offering the children and families the best possible experience that has been so missed in the last year.

**Please do not attend if you have symptoms of COVID-19.** Please wear a face covering on arrival and when leaving (unless exempt) but once seated, these can be removed as seats will be socially distanced. We will not be offering refreshments so feel free to bring your own thermos or cold drinks (non-alcoholic). Please remember we are a nut-free school.

Pick-up arrangements will be as usual.

Thank you for your understanding and flexibility, given the current challenges. **Please be aware, the above is subject to COVID restrictions remaining as they are and Ashwater School remaining free from COVID cases at the time of the event.** We will also keep an eye on the weather and inform you via text if we need to postpone.

### African Drumming Workshop –postponed until 21<sup>st</sup> July

Unfortunately we have been advised that a member of the provider team is self-isolating so the workshop has been postponed.

### Transition

Holsworthy College has now cancelled their transition days this term.

New Reception parents are invited to meet Mrs Cawsey and me **this Friday 2nd July at 9:00 am**.

On Thursday 15th July, we invite parents of children who will be in Years 3, 4, 5 or 6 to meet Miss Frayn at 3:30 pm. Due to the current COVID situation and restrictions not lifting on 21st June, we intend to hold this outside.

There will be a short introduction from Miss Frayn and then opportunity to ask questions at the end. Mrs Gleed will also be present so you will have a chance to speak to her too.

Please do not attend if you have symptoms of COVID-19. On arrival at your child's allocated time, please come to the gate, where you will be signed in, this will be necessary for NHS Test and Trace as well as our usual safeguarding procedures.



## A message for parents from Devon County Council Public Health Team COVID-19 update

As you may have seen in the news, cases of COVID-19 are rising again. Here in Devon we still have lower rates than many parts of the country, but it is expected that Devon's rates will continue to rise as we all start to socialise more. This is starting to be reflected in the rise in positive cases among school age children in the county.

We want to thank parents and carers for all you are doing to help keep school communities safe – and ask everyone to keep going with the 'hands, face, space and fresh air' measures when you and your family are out and about, as well as at school:

- Wash hands frequently
- Use face coverings where required, including school transport, public transport, and indoor public spaces
- Make space – keep your social distance
- Choose to meet outside in the fresh air where possible

Regular testing also helps to stop the spread of the virus – here's a reminder of what tests are available and when to use them:

### **LFD tests (Lateral Flow Device)**

LFD tests can identify people with lots of the virus and who are very infectious. 1 in 3 people with COVID-19 have no symptoms and could be spreading the virus to other people without knowing. These tests are for people who do not have any symptoms of coronavirus. They provide quick results within half an hour, so that you can get on with your day if you test negative, remembering to keep following public health guidance. If you test positive, you'll need to arrange a follow-up PCR test (see below). LFD tests are available for all adults and secondary aged pupils to test twice weekly. You can pick them up for free from your local pharmacy, and they are available to order online for home delivery. Assistance with the test is available at any of our Community Testing sites. You can find details about where our sites are across Devon on our website, [devon.cc/flow](https://devon.cc/flow).

### **PCR tests (Polymerase Chain Reaction)**

PCR tests are more sensitive and used to confirm if someone has COVID-19. The result takes longer as it is processed in a lab. PCR tests are for people with COVID-19 symptoms – high temperature, new and continuous cough, change to usual sense of taste or smell - or for follow up after a positive LFD result. Close contacts of a positive COVID-19 case can also get a PCR test.

Please remember to report test results on the national website as well as to the school, this helps us monitor cases and support quick and appropriate action to keep schools operating as normal.

You can keep up to date with the latest coronavirus news from Devon County Council at [devon.cc/covid-19](https://devon.cc/covid-19).

Please also see the attached poster with further information.

### Uniform

You will be thinking about school uniform for September. Please see the attached letter with information about uniform. Here is the link to an order form.

<https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/halwillps/UploadedDocument/63a61e984435481d8ac491fb1fb6f200/13.ashwater-school-uniform-order-form.pdf>

If you would like a hard copy please ask the office. Please return by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July to ensure items are here for September.

Mrs Ruh Alford

Executive Headteacher

Please remember to order your School lunches via schoolmoney by Friday of each week. This helps us cater correctly. Thank you.

**NO NUTS** Please keep our children with severe nut allergies safe. It is imperative that no **Nuts** or **Nut products** are brought into school. Could all parents **PLEASE** be extra vigilant, especially with some cereal bars which contain nuts.  
Your support is appreciated.



### Contacting Ashwater School

The school office (01409 211228) is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. If you urgently need to contact a member of staff when the office is closed please either call the Classroom direct line or contact Halwill school on 01409 221476.

## The Carey Qualities



Each Friday 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 <b>Relationships</b>	For being <b>Resilient</b>	For being <b>Resourceful</b>	For being <b>Reflective</b>	For being <b>Respectful</b>
Carly Nancy Reuben	Charlie C Harley			

### *Dates for your diary:*

#### **June**

30th Sports Day 1.30pm

#### **July**

2nd New 'Reception' Transition Meeting 9am

12th Roadford Lake Trip Y4,Y5 & Y6

13th Plymouth Aquarium Trip YR,Y1,Y2 & Y3

15th New 'Y3,Y4,Y5 & Y6' parents to meet

Miss Frayn 3.30pm

19th Year 6 Leavers 2pm

23rd Last Day of Term

#### **September**

6th Non-Pupil Day

7th Term Starts

If your child has:  
a runny nose, is sneezing or feeling unwell

But they don't have:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough, or
- a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

These are  
not normally symptoms of coronavirus

Seek advice from a pharmacy,  
dial 111 or see your GP

If your child has:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough, or
- a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste

This could be a sign of  
coronavirus

Book a test



## School Dress

The school colours are red, yellow and black or grey. We ask that all pupils wear sweatshirts and polo shirts with the school logo as this gives a sense of belonging to the children. These are available to purchase by completing an order form. You then pay for items through our SchoolMoney system.

PE kit is a plain white t-shirt, dark shorts / leggings / tracksuit bottoms, red school jumper/cardigan and trainers. On Wild Tribe days, please can children bring in waterproofs to wear over school clothes and wellington boots. If they don't have waterproofs then some other long clothing to cover arms and legs (not jeans) should be sent in. On swimming days a costume and towel are necessary.

In the interest of health and safety, make-up and jewellery should not be worn in school. Children with pierced ears may wear simple studs. Watches may be worn but must be removed for P.E. and on swimming days.

We encourage all children to keep a spare set of underwear and socks in their P.E kit in case of inclement weather conditions. It is also advisable to provide your child with a set of waterproofs for walking to school in wet weather.

It is essential that all clothing is marked with the child's name as even in a small school, children still manage to lose things. We try to find articles when asked but cannot be held in any way responsible for the loss of any valuable items, toys or money.

In the summer months, the children must wear a hat and suntan lotion. Please be advised that the school cannot apply the suntan lotion, it should be applied before the children come to school and sent in for the children to reapply themselves.

## School Uniform

Red Sweatshirt (available to purchase completing an order form and payable via SchoolMoney app)

Yellow Polo Shirt (available to purchase completing an order form and payable via SchoolMoney app)

Black or Dark Grey Trousers, Tailored Shorts, Skirt or Pinafore

Red Gingham Dress (summer)

White or Dark Socks

Dark Tights

Black Shoes or Boots (not trainers or pumps)

### For P.E

Plain white t-shirt

Dark Colour Shorts (dark leggings / tracksuit bottoms may be worn in cold weather)

Trainers

Ashwater Book Bags, Caps and Fleece are also available to purchase by completing an order form and payable through SchoolMoney.