



Ulcombe C of E, Leeds and
Broomfield C of E, Kingswood and
Platts Heath Primary Schools

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Dear parents,

I am writing to you at the end of another busy week, with some updates, advice and information. The situation with Covid 19, is ever changing as no doubt you are seeing in the news, so I will continue to use this letter as a vehicle to communicate with you.

Early Years - Year R

The ASPIRE schools are part of a pilot to trial a new curriculum for year R. All other schools nationwide will be adopting this curriculum from September 2021.

Mrs Steer, Head of School at Leeds and Broomfield is our Early years leader and has submitted the below for this letter.

As of this September 2020 all ASPIRE schools have become early adopters of the new early learning goals (ELG). These are the goals that we assess all year R children against in July 2021 (the end of year R). These will be statutory as of September 2021 for all other schools.

We took the decision to be early adopters as we get a head start in preparing all the pupils and staff in the new expectations. They are not too different to the old ones but the government have added more about children being able to self-regulate themselves (talk about their feelings), more emphasis on children talking to each other, adults and explaining their thinking and looking at the children's physical abilities (fine motor and gross motor). I think these are really positive changes to the EYFS curriculum.

We have placed some information on the new Early years curriculum on each of the schools websites. If you have any questions please contact your child's class teacher.

ASPIRE schools - Covid routines

As the weeks go by and we all get more comfortable with the new routines, I may need to remind you of expectations so that we are all clear on what to do. My main aim is to keep everyone, staff, pupils, parents and any visitors safe.

Face coverings

We have asked that adults wear face coverings when dropping or picking up children, particularly when entering onto the school site. Children under 11 are not required to wear face coverings. Staff are advised to social distance from parents, and may not be wearing face coverings.

Social distancing

Please ensure you social distance when on school grounds as far as possible. This is also applicable when you are waiting with your children at the school gate in the morning, or for the gate to open at the end of the day. We are all operating a staggered drop off and pick up, please make sure you are arriving at the right time for your children. Siblings should all be dropped off at the earliest time.

General site safety

Please can I remind you that the one way systems are in place for everyone's safety and should be observed no matter what the weather is doing, please take care around the site as the rain will cause puddles and mud. I would also like to remind you to leave the school site promptly once you have dropped off or picked up your children - thank you in advance.

Pupils - the things they need at school!

All children are now asked to bring a coat in school - the weather is changing and we would still like the children to be outside at playtime as much as possible.

Children also need to come to school in their kit on PE days depending on the routine for their class. Please can I remind you that it should be a white shirt with either blue or black shorts or jogging bottoms. This can be worn with their school jumper or a blue or black hoodie. No other clothes are acceptable PE uniforms. Thank you

NHS Track and Trace app

Yesterday the Covid 19 test and trace app was released and is available to be downloaded on your phone. It gives information about your local area and the number of cases as well as alerting you when your phone has been close to another phone of a person who has tested positive.

NHS letter

You will have received this week a letter this week regarding testing for Covid 19 - I have summarised this information below.

- You should only book a test if your child has any of these three coronavirus symptoms:
 1. a high temperature: any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)
 2. a new continuous cough: coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
 3. a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste: a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal
- Your child does not need a test if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.
- If you are unsure about whether to get a test, please check the official list of symptoms on the NHS website, which is reviewed regularly: www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/
- Only the person with symptoms should get a test. You do not need to get a test for anyone else in the household unless they also have any of the three symptoms listed above. All members of the household need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the test result.
- If the person with symptoms' test comes back positive, other members of their household should continue self-isolating for 14 days and only get a test if they develop coronavirus symptoms.

▪ If a pupil in a class or bubble tests positive for coronavirus, anyone who is advised to self-isolate does not require a test unless they subsequently develop symptoms. No one else in the same class or bubble as the symptomatic person needs to take any action unless advised by the school. Schools have detailed guidance and access to a Department for Education and Public Health England helpline for advice and support. Contacts of a person who has tested positive must follow the guidance carefully and in full, which means they must stay at home for 14 days. This is because it can take several days following contact with an infected person before an individual develops symptoms or the virus can be detected. Students should only book a test if they get symptoms. The NHS has produced some guidance to help parents understand when their child can and cannot attend school which you may find useful: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthybody/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

As the advice is ever changing I shall continue to keep you updated. Please contact your school office by phone or email if your child is unwell in the usual way. Thank you

If you have any questions or queries I can be contacted via email at ehickling@aspirekent.org.uk

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Kind regards,

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