

Ashcombe Primary School

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Friday 5th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely summer we've had! Typically, the weather has started to look a bit ropey as we've returned to school. I hope families have managed some relaxation time with each other over the break but I know that for many families, the summer can be a long stretch where childcare can be difficult to manage. It has been so lovely to see children and families return this week. Our staff has been carrying out training and getting ready the children to get back. I'm really pleased to say that they have settled back into school really well. In my next newsletter, I'll be sharing some key dates for the year ahead.

Parents and Carers' Evenings:



Our first parents and carers' evening will be taking place this term. This is an opportunity to talk through how your child has settled into their new class and build a relationship your child's new teacher. Appointments will be available to book through SchoolPing next week. Meetings will take place on the following dates:

- Tues 30th Sep, 4-7pm
- Thurs 2nd Oct, 3:30-6pm

Uniform policy

Full details of our uniform policy can be seen on our website here:
<https://www.ashcombeprimary.com/uniform-information/>

Please ensure all uniform is labelled.

Lost property will be taken to a table under the year 1 overhang. Please check there if your child loses an item.



Wet weather uniform



Our aim to get children outside for break and lunchtimes most days even if there is light rain. We will only not go outside if there is sustained heavy rain or weather warnings in place.

For this reason it is vital that children come into school with **water resistant coats and a change of shoes.**

If you would like to order branded school uniform, please email the school office at office@ashcomeprimary.co.uk



Support with uniform

Purchasing new uniform with rising costs current climate when costs are increasing everywhere is very challenging and we'll look into the support we can offer you – please contact the school office if you need our help.

Our fantastic PTA – Ashcombe Friends Association; also organise sales of pre-loved uniform to help keep the costs down for families and support environmental recycling. These sales take place at our school fayres.



PE Days

When your child is taking part in PE, they should come into school in their PE kit. Classes will be taking part in PE on the following days:

YR: TBC

Y1: Monday and Tuesday

Y2: Monday and Friday

Y3: 3SB - Wednesday & Thursday / 3RH - Wednesday & Thursday / 3CH/3HS - Tuesday & Thursday

Y4: Monday and Tuesday.

Y5: 5SH - Thurs (SWIM) & Fri (PE) / 5LP – Thurs (SWIM) & Fri (PE) / 5KN: Thurs & Fri (no swimming this term)

Y6: 6PH - Monday / 6KP - Wednesday / 6HB - Friday



Drop off and collection arrangements

- The school gates will open for families from 8:35. Teachers will open their doors to meet and greet their classes at 8:45.
 - Children can arrive through the classroom door until 9am though after the 8:50 they will be marked as late.
 - After 9am, they should sign in through the office.
- Members of the leadership team will be on the gates to greet families.
 - Children in years R to year 4 should be walked to the classroom doors.
 - The gates will again be opened at 3:05 ready for collection from classrooms at 3:15.
 - Children should not be walking to and from school unsupervised until they reach year 5 and only with permission sent through to the school office and agreed by the Headteacher.
 - Collection should be made by a parent/carer or other family member – if there is a change in your collection arrangements, please let the office know.

Failure to collect pupils on time:

- If a parent fails to collect a pupil – with no explanation- then the school will contact social services at 4.30 pm – to ensure there are staff in Social services to gain advice from.
- If the failure to pick up is later, such as after the end of After School Club then the police will be called. Staff will not leave it until there is only 1 staff member present to safeguard themselves and the pupils.

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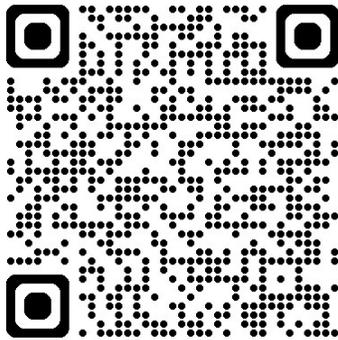
Snacks, packed lunches & drinks



We encourage healthy eating and staying hydrated in school

- Please make sure your child has a named drinks bottle in school.
- For break times children may bring into school some fruit or vegetables as a snack.
- Packed lunches should not include sweets.

We are **nut free school** due to some children having severe allergies – no nuts or nut based spread should be in school.



Flu immunisations

Sirona Care and Health will be running FREE nasal flu vaccination for all children at Ashcombe Primary School on the 6th October 2025.

These are nasal spray vaccinations and helps protect your child and your family from getting flu, reduces the spread of the virus in winter and keeps them in school learning.

You can give your consent for your child to receive this vaccination by scanning the QR code on this page or visitng: <https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2025/consent?v=4>

Ashcombe Friends Association

The AFA are our glorious parent teacher association, and they are responsible for organising lots of the fun events we have at school. Last year they ran Fayres at Christmas, Easter and in the Summer. They also arranged discos, a pantomime, drop & shop and movie nights. Joining the AFA is a great way to support the school community. All the money raised by the AFA goes back towards supporting the children at Ashcombe Primary School.

Every year we need to recruit new members of the team to make it successful. The AFA will be holding their AGM on the 6th October at 7pm, where this year's committee roles will be allocated. So, if you feel you can support in a main role or just help out at events it would be lovely if you can attend.

Forever proud to serve you.
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Yours sincerely,

Chris Penny
Headteacher

