



## Next Week -Week 1

A full calendar is available on our website

## School News and Notices

### Covid Guidance: Update

It is important that parents review the accompanying flowchart which details steps to take if your child is symptomatic with any of the three core symptoms of Covid19 described, or if a member of the household has any of these symptoms. **Please do not send your child into school if any member of the household has these symptoms** and follow the guidance, which is in line with our risk assessment and NHS guidelines.

In addition, in the event of being contacted by the official test and trace team and told to self-isolate, you must follow that guidance and inform the school via [attendance@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk) as quickly as possible.

### A terrific first week

We are so pleased to have welcomed our staff and students back into school, and very proud of how swiftly students have adapted to all the additional measures including the one-way system, face masks in corridors and regular handwashing. Please discuss with your child, ensure they have a face covering and spare with them, and reinforce the need to continue with these important processes. Please also remind your child to bring their Wisepay card with them each day and keep it in a safe place as it is linked to their account.

### Duke of Edinburgh Award: Update

We are currently reviewing how we can continue to offer the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme under current rules, and will contact parents in due course.

### LRC Book Returns

Could all students please check at home over the weekend to see if they have any LRC books that were borrowed pre-lockdown and return them to the LRC next week.

### Uniform from Monday

From Monday we will be checking uniform closely: please check with your child that they have the correct understanding of our expectations and our rules on:

- Jewellery and piercings
- Hair colour
- For normal uniform - **correct shoes**, no hoodies, coats off in building
- For PE-day uniform:
  - Ashlyns PE top; black shorts covered with plain black tracksuit bottoms and/or plain black sports leggings - thin, flimsy or otherwise inappropriate leggings will not be permitted
  - Over the top, students may wear an Ashlyns PE hoodie (this is the Ashlyns PE hoodie, not a 'Class-of' hoodie or any other form of hoodie; not a jumper) OR blazer

Full guidance on uniform can be found again [here](#).

## Key dates this half term:

- 2 October: Inset day
- 26 October: Half Term

## This Week's Attachments

- **Covid Flowchart**
- Toolled Up

## Letters out

- [Year 11 Raising Achievement](#)

## New Staff

### Teaching Staff

Mr Bull (Business & Economics), Mr Chan (Music), Mr Chartier (Science), Mr Froment (Technology), Mrs Kirk (Assistant Headteacher), Mr MacLoughlin (Science), Ms Mellor (Spanish), Mrs O'Callaghan (English), Miss Tubbritt (Maths), Mrs Wilson (English and Film Studies).

### Support Staff

Mr Gross (IT Technician), Mrs Hope (Clerk to Governors), Mrs Knibb (French Assistant), Mrs Mills (Lettings Officer), Miss O'Leary (Teaching Assistant), Mrs Sillwood (Pastoral Officer)

### Music Lessons

Instrumental music lessons are available with our school's music provider, Hertfordshire Music Service, from September. If you have not applied for lessons already, all the information you need to book is available at <http://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/registeronline>. HMS tutors will be teaching face-to-face or online. Every effort has been taken to ensure both tutors and pupils are kept safe in line with guidance.



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### Wellbeing Dog

Following consultation and feedback from Parent Forum, Governors, staff and student representatives, we are piloting the introduction of our school wellbeing dog, Peggy (a 7-month-old cockapoo), who has completed the first phase of her training and will be working with the Inclusion team, LRC and Learning Mentors across the school week.



### Policies updated:

Please see our updated policies: [Behaviour Policy](#) and [Annexe](#) and [Curriculum Policy](#)

### Everbridge

If the school has to close due to severe weather conditions or an emergency, we will send out a message via the Herts County Council School Closure Notification System (Everbridge). Please register your details so that you can receive immediate information and updates: <https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489#/signup>

### Tooled-Up Support

We are delighted to continue to be a Tooled-Up school with Dr Kathy Weston. A suite of evolving digital resources is available exclusively to our parents, covering areas such as wellbeing, anxiety, learning, aspiration and behaviour. If you have not already signed up, please see the attached letter that provides details of the simple registration process as well as a link to a short introductory video.

### DSPL

Please follow this [link](#) to a list of upcoming events for parents/carers of children with SEN.

## News from the ASA

### **ASA MEETING via ZOOM - WEDNESDAY 16th September - 8pm - open to all**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74205815238?pwd=SThVdDh6ZStndmZlWDVXbkI0TG5mZz09>

Meeting ID: 742 0581 5238

Passcode: 6YNbrx

Everyone is welcome to our first virtual meeting of this term, so if you're a new parent or teacher and would like to find out what we do or consider getting involved (in a small or big way) we would love for you to join us and hear your ideas and feedback. Covid has had a huge impact on our usual fundraising activities, so we're looking at different ways to fundraise whilst keeping to government guidelines - which is a challenge!

### **ASA 100 CLUB**

Congratulations to the winners of the August ASA 100 draw:

1st prize - N Shukla

2nd prize - R Booth

3rd prize - D Bull

The ASA 100 club is a fantastic way to raise money for Ashlyns School with the bonus of a chance to win a cash prize. Each number in the draw costs £2 per month with half the money going to Ashlyns School and the other half funding three cash prizes. Many of our usual fundraising events have been cancelled this year so please sign up to the ASA 100 club today using the attached form. Email [ASA100club@gmail.com](mailto:ASA100club@gmail.com) with any questions.

### **Easyfundraising**

Did you know that we're registered with easyfundraising and you could help us to raise funds for the school at no extra cost to yourself?

Since our fundraising events are on hold, this is a great opportunity to keep raising much needed funds for the school. When you shop online, with over 4,100 of your favourite retailers, including John Lewis & Partners, eBay, notonthehighstreet, you will raise FREE donations for Ashlyns School.

If you're not already signed up, it only takes a few minutes, then you can begin using the easyfundraising website or app straightaway - simply shop online as normal. This will be an enormous help to the school, at no extra cost to yourself.

Visit our easyfundraising page to get started:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/ashlyns/>

# Covid-19 Protocols for Parents and Students

## SYMPTOMS

1. A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
2. A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
3. A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

### Child with symptoms:

Isolate for 10 days from onset; request test through calling 119 or [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk).

Rest of household (including any other siblings in school) isolate for 14 days from onset, awaiting result of test for child

Update school through [attendance@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk)

Test result received?

**Negative result:** child can return to school (if well) - but notify school first to check, via [attendance@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk)

**Positive result:** inform school immediately. Child needs to continue 10-day isolation, then return if well. Remainder of household continue 14-day isolation and, if become symptomatic, contact NHS

No test result received

Child needs to continue 10-day isolation. Remainder of household continue 14-day isolation and, if become symptomatic, contact NHS. Contact school via [attendance@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk) in advance of returning at end of period

### Member of household has symptoms

Symptomatic member isolates for 10 days from onset; request test through calling 119 or [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk). Do not send children into school; inform school immediately through [attendance@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk). Children and rest of household isolate for 14 days from onset, awaiting result of test for symptomatic person

Update school through [attendance@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk)

Test result received?

**Negative result:** children can return to school (if well and no symptoms) - but notify school first to check, via [attendance@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk)

**Positive result:** inform school immediately. Children need to continue 14 day isolation and, if they become symptomatic, contact NHS

No test result received

Children need to continue 14 day isolation and, if they become symptomatic, contact NHS. Contact school via [attendance@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@ashlyns.herts.sch.uk) in advance of returning at end of period

Dear parents,

I am excited to tell you that Ashlyns School has subscribed to become a 'Tooled Up School'. This means that you will now have access to a digital library containing the most up-to-date, evidence-based tips that will enable your children to thrive.

Your next step if you are new to Tooled Up

To gain access to the world of Tooled Up tips, click [here](#) and insert your school's unique pin number 4989.

If you have already joined Tooled Up

You can log in as normal [here](#). If you have forgotten your password, simply click the "I've forgotten my password or pin" link at the bottom of the login page to reset it and start using Tooled Up.

What you will be getting

As parents, we need to do what we can to ensure that children have practical and psychological tools to cope with life's ups and downs.

Extensive research by academics all over the world have uncovered approaches to raising children that help them to thrive. At Tooled Up Education, we have found 'golden nuggets' within these academic findings, and translated them into practical tips for you to apply. You will find short videos, podcasts and tip sheets covering:

- *Mental health* – protecting and sustaining children's positive mental health;
- *Digital life* – teaching safe and positive engagement with the digital world;
- *Learning* – what we can be doing at home to help our children thrive at school;
- *Behaviour* – the best approaches to challenging behaviour;
- *Family life and relationships* – investing in good quality relationships at home to help our children thrive in other areas of their life;
- *Aspiration* – motivating our children to aim high and supporting them on their journey.

Please watch this short [clip](#) to learn more about the Tooled Up approach.

Looking Forward to Supporting You

I will be working hard, alongside my team, to continue to grow the Tooled Up library in response to your needs, requests and suggestions. Never hesitate to get in touch.

All the best for the start of term,



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