



Angel Road Newsletter



Angel Road - creating a thriving and diverse learning community, so that children are empowered to have ambitious and responsible aspirations for themselves, others and their world.

23.10.2020

KEEPING SAFE OVER HALF TERM

It is really important that you contact the school if your child tests positive for COVID-19 during the half-term break.

You will need to email: head@angelroadinfant.norfolk.sch.uk (Infant)
or head@angelroadjunior.norfolk.sch.uk (Junior)

For the 'subject' write: **URGENT COVID TEST RESULT**

You will also need to provide the following information:

1. Your child's full name.
2. The date and time you received the positive test result.
3. The date and time of the test.
4. The symptoms they were displaying.

Emails will be checked daily between Saturday 24th October to Sunday 1st November.

Please allow us to contact other families who your child may have had contact with at school. Please do not contact them directly yourself.

Registering for High School

The 'Transfer to Secondary School 2021' application process for Year 6 children closes on **31 October 2020**. If your child is in Year 6 and you have not yet applied, you can do so either: online at: www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk
or by requesting a paper form by calling 0344 800 8020

School Photographs

We are delighted to still be able to offer Individual School Photographs this year. We have been working closely with *YEP Photography* to ensure that the process is safe for all pupils and staff.

Please note that due to the school bubble restrictions, we shall not be able to offer sibling photographs this year.

Angel Road Infant School & Nursery - Recent bubble closure (Rabbit and Otter classes)

I have had a number of questions related to the closure of Rabbit and Otter bubble this week, and so I hope families find the information below helpful.

Many people have sent messages of support and thanks for the way the school managed the situation, and others have given thoughtful comments and helpful suggestions for which we are very appreciative, as this enables us to improve things for everyone in the school community. We are really trying to listen to the views of our parents and would appreciate your constructive feedback on how you feel we managed the process of the closure, in case it happens again in the future.

Unfortunately, I have been made aware there has been some public speculation as to the identity of the positive case. As a school, we have been very careful to respect the privacy of the individual concerned and these rumours are unhelpful. As a community, our efforts should be focused on supporting and reassuring our children, so that they return to school after the half-term break feeling positive.

Finally, a follow up reminder to a message sent on Tuesday. If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19 and subsequently gets a positive test result, would you please notify the school as soon as possible via head@angelroadinfant.norfolk.sch.uk

Why didn't you close earlier?

Once notified of a positive case, schools are required to contact Public Health England to discuss the background of the case and identify other people that have had close contact. Public Health England then advise the school on self-isolation.

In the event of your child testing positive for COVID 19, it would be really helpful if you could notify the school before the beginning of the school day. You can do this by emailing head@angelroadinfant.norfolk.sch.uk This would mean that we could notify families and prevent the affected bubble from coming into school.

What is a bubble and how do they work at Angel Road Infant School and Nursery?

A bubble could be a single class or a group of classes. Our bubbles are as follows:

Squirrel and Hedgehog	Rabbit and Otter
Owl	Mice and Robin
Nursery – Rainbow, Sunshine and Sunrise	

Within each bubble the children share the same toilets, lunch room and outside space. There are designated staff for each bubble. The children and staff from different bubbles do not mix with each other indoors or outdoors. Nursery children do not enter the main school building at any time. Bubbles have their own drop-off and collection zones. Most classes/rooms have their own entrance, except Rabbit and Otter classes who share an entrance and are in the same bubble. Start and finish times are staggered even within the same bubble.

If there is a positive case of COVID in your child's bubble we will let you know by naming the classes in the bubble. We will not identify the class to protect the identity of the positive case.

If there is a positive case somewhere else in the Infant School and Nursery (this is what we mean by "setting"), we will let you know, but we will not name the bubble.

What happens after a bubble closure?

The classes and shared spaces used by the bubble are closed and remain unused by anyone else in school. Arrangements have been made for an outside contractor to carry out a 'deep clean' of these parts of the school during half term, so that it is safe for children and staff to return.

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What would happen if I couldn't collect my child within the agreed 1 hour period?

We understand that some parents may have particular family situations or jobs which mean they are unable to collect their child in the given time frame. In exceptional circumstances, we would, of course, hold on to your child until you are able to collect. Please talk to the school about this if you are concerned.

Other Infant School COVID-related reminders

Staggered arrival and exit

Please do not arrive early to drop off or collect your child as this will increase queuing and prolong the time people are gathering in one place. Teachers will try very hard to release children to you on time at the end of the school day.

DROP-OFF AND COLLECTION TIMES		
Nursery AM	08:30h	11:30h
Nursery PM	12:30h	15.30h
Mice Class (Reception)	08:45h	15:05h
Robin Class (Reception)	08:55h	15:15h
Rabbit Class (KS1)	08:45h	15:05h
Otter Class (KS1)	08:55h	15:15h
Hedgehog Class (KS1)	08:45h	15:05h
Squirrel Class (KS1)	08:55h	15:15h
Owl Class (KS1)	08:45h	15:05h

One Way System for Nursery

We have noticed that parents and carers collecting from **Nursery** at the end of the day are sometimes crossing over with other parents and carers leaving the main school at this time. Therefore we have made some adjustments to **Nursery** drop-off and collection at the beginning and end of the day:-

08:30h Start times - please use the Main School gate (the one on Angel Road nearer Waterloo Park), you will then be directed round to Nursery.

Upon leaving Nursery you will then use our gate and follow the footpath out onto Angel Road.

11:30h Collection - please use the gate by the fish and chip shop around to Nursery as the main School entrance is not available.

12:30 Start times - please use the gate by the fish and chip shop around to Nursery as the main School entrance is not available.

15:30h Collection - please use the Main School gate (the one on Angel Road nearer Waterloo Park), you will then be directed round to Nursery.

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Angel Road Junior School

Please read the information in this newsletter from the Infant school as we are working very closely together and much of the above information is relevant to both schools.

If your child gets a positive Covid-19 test result over **the half term holiday**. Please email head@angelroadjunior.norfolk.sch.uk as soon as you receive the result.

In the event of your child testing positive for Covid-19 **during term time**, it would be extremely helpful if you could inform us before the beginning of the school day.

Please send this information to head@angelroadjunior.norfolk.sch.uk and head it URGENT C-19. This early notification may mean that we are able to prevent an affected bubble from coming into school.

If we get a positive case in school, we will immediately seek advice from Public Health England who will advise school on self-isolation.

Thank you for all the kind and supportive message that we have received from parents today and the wishes for a relaxing half term. We want to say thank you to all parents – this half term has felt like a team effort and we hope that you and your families all have a relaxing half term too.

Just a couple of reminders:

- ◆ Thank you to everyone for wearing face coverings on the school site.
- ◆ Please remember to keep 2m away from other adults – we appreciate this can be difficult to remember but it is a very important measure to keep us all safe. Collection is the time when there are most adults on the site, and so please spread out when you are waiting for your child.

A message for Year 4 and Year 5 parents

Lots of Year 4 and Year 5 children are arriving at school early and at the same time as the Year 3 and Year 6 children.

We have a staggered start to the day to avoid children from different year groups mixing.

We open the gates for Year 3 and Year 6 at 08:45h, so that they can get into class for 08:50h

Year 4 and Year 5 children should not arrive at school until 08:55h, so that they are able to get into class for 09:00h

Any children from these year groups arriving early may be asked to wait to one side whilst the Year 3 and Year 6 children enter. We appreciate your support with this.

We understand that there are a few families who have siblings in different year groups and for these few exceptions it is acceptable for both children to arrive together and line up in their areas.

What does self-isolation mean?

Self-isolation is when you do not leave your home. This is to stop the spread of COVID-19

- **Do not** go to work, school or public places – work from home if you can
- **Do not** go on public transport or use taxis
- **Do not** go out to get food and medicine – order it online or by phone, or ask someone to bring it to your home
- **Do not** have visitors in your home, including friends and family – except for people providing essential care
- **Do not** go out to exercise – exercise at home or in your garden, if you have one

More information on self-isolation can be found here

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/when-to-self-isolate-and-what-to-do/>

DATES FOR THE DIARY

02.11.2020 - School reopens

24.11.2020 - Junior School Portrait Photographs

25.11.2020 - Infant School Portrait Photographs