



Head Teacher: Mr Chris Tofallis

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Online Learning – Including the use of Purple Mash

Your child has full access to Purple Mash, a whole world of fun and exciting learning opportunities in one safe place.

The great thing about Purple Mash during the school closure is that it has the facility for all our teachers to upload all the weekly homework and for the teachers to set clear tasks. Pupils and parents can also communicate directly with the teachers and each other via 2email in Tools. This will be fully utilised after the Easter break. The teachers will be able to upload videos of themselves to share with the children. This can be weekly instructions, story videos and sharing of work. Pupils and parents will be able to email directly to the teachers and classes will have a blog to comment on. All classes from Reception to Year 3 will have full access to this. In addition to this, the pupils will have full access to the 2Simple software and tasks may be set for some of the specific programmes. After the Easter period, pupils will be able to upload/ scan all their work for their teacher to read, see and comment on. We have ensured that this is possible due to the length of the school closure for the foreseeable future.

- You can login to your Purple Mash account at: <http://www.purplemash.com/ashmole>
- username:
- password:

Pupil usernames and passwords have been distributed for your children. If you have misplaced it please contact the office at office@ashmoleprimary.org or ask the class teacher.

Purple Mash is a comprehensive suite of online learning tools and content, designed to be used by our primary aged children in the classroom and at home. Find out more at:
<https://2simple.com/parents>

Many of you have already accessed Purple Mash and will be familiar with it all. We would now like all our parents and pupils to access this daily to check on what homework has been set by the teacher each week and to look out for updates, videos and comments. This will be the first port of call.

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It is important to log in to Purple Mash with your child. We suggest the following:

- Familiarising yourself with the menu icons: Home; 2Dos; Work - upload the child's work and see others' work, see whole school tasks in School News; Sharing; Alerts and Rewards.
- Looking at any set tasks that have been given to your child (2Dos)
- Finding out about Class Blogs and Display Boards accessible via the Sharing Icon
- Exploring the grammar, maths and spelling activities which match to the National Curriculum
- Play one of many fun, educational collaborative games such as 2Race
- Delve into the Science area and find out about all the areas of Science it covers
- Investigate the Topics area to support securing their knowledge of the wider curriculum
- Tour the Computing area trying out some of the tools such as 2Code, 2Go and Logo
- Get creative in the Tools section, from making an animation to building a printable 3D model
- Dive into Serial Mash (an online library of books)
- Learn through play in Mini Mash (For children aged 3 to 5).

As a parent, you can find out about your child's learning on Purple Mash and support them beyond the classroom by registering with Parent Portal if you have not done so already. Parent Portal allows you to easily see the learning your child has been doing on Purple Mash, including any comments on work from teachers, homework (2Dos), rewards and more. You will never miss out on being informed of your child's learning as Parent Portal sends all registered users a weekly digest email. You can start using Parent Portal today by following the 3 simple steps below.

Step 1: Enter URL on your child's login card.

Step 2: Click 'Register as a parent'.

Step 3: Enter the 'Parent Code' on your child's login card and follow additional instructions.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance via the email portal on Purple Mash. If you have any login issues please contact Mrs Andrews at office@ashmoleprimary.org or call 0208 361 1881 and ask our office team from 8.30am-4pm. Thank you.

Best wishes and stay safe.

Mr Tofallis

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