

Active School Flag APPLICATION Process

YOUR school is working towards the Active School Flag (ASF) award this year.

We know that a lot of schools were hoping to apply for the ASF before the end of June this year.

We would like to begin by reassuring schools that the work that they have undertaken this year will remain valid for next year. It is likely that many schools have not yet been able to complete:

1. 'Run a Day' challenge
2. Erection of signage and use of the Active School WALKWAY route
3. 'Active School Week' (ASW)

The running initiative and the walkway requirements *cannot* be completed until your school returns. We can, however, offer your school *the option* of using the '**Active HOME Week**' challenge as a means of working towards the ASF during this period of school closure.

IF your school decides to take this option, we ask you to:

1. Communicate your intention to participate in the 'Active HOME Week' challenge with ASF by emailing resources@activeschoolflag.ie making sure to quote your school roll number. This is important as it will allow us to place a note on your ASF application form.
2. Ensure that all teachers, at all class levels, share the challenge documents and encourage the pupils in their class to complete the *#ActiveHomeWeek* challenge.
3. Request that parents/guardians complete and return the *#ActiveHomeWeek* challenge chart to class teachers through whatever communication channel your school has with them.

Please find attached, for sharing with parents:

- ✓ Info. Document for PARENTS (Schools working towards ASF)
- ✓ IDEAS Word Cloud
- ✓ Challenge Chart (Schools working towards ASF) – PDF print version
- ✓ Challenge Chart (Schools working towards ASF) – PDF fillable version

CHALLENGE Charts

The completed challenge charts offer parents a means to share, with your school, the activities/challenges that their children enjoyed.

We have attached 2 versions of the challenge chart:

1. PDF print version – If parents don't have access to printer children are free to hand draw the challenge chart, as that will work just the same.
2. PDF fillable version – This version should make it easier for parents to return the completed challenge chart to class teachers.

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If your school wishes to use the 'Active HOME Week' challenge as part of your application for ASF, your school must be able to show evidence of *whole school engagement* with the challenge. If 50%, or more, of pupils return their completed challenge charts then your school can use the challenge to fulfil the 'Active School Week' success criteria. If the response rate is lower, you are free to complete the ASF application process in the normal way and organise an ASW programme when schools return.

Please note that the Information Document and Challenge Chart that are attached with this email are *specifically for schools wishing to use this challenge as part of their ASF application as they include a request that the completed challenge charts are returned to class teachers.*

If your school wishes to promote the challenge but does not wish to use it as part of your ASF application, please visit www.activeschoolflag.ie, or look up our Twitter account [@activeflag](https://twitter.com/activeflag), where you will find generic versions of the challenge documents.

If you have any questions in relation to the challenge or your application please email resources@activeschoolflag.ie

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