



# Ashley Junior School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

You may be aware that, like many schools across the country, we have rising numbers of positive cases of Covid-19. We continue to follow guidance from the Department for Education (DFE) to reduce the risk of spreading the virus, and, in particular:

- Ensure good hand hygiene – frequent and thorough handwashing and use of anti-bac- across the school
- Good respiratory hygiene - the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach
- Well ventilated areas and the use of the CO2 monitors to check for good air quality
- Face coverings are worn by adults in the school in hallways and communal areas. ***In primary schools, we recommend that face coverings should be worn by staff and adults (including visitors) when moving around in corridors and communal areas. Health advice continues to be that children in primary schools should not be asked to wear face coverings. Face coverings do not need to be worn when outdoors.*** (Guidance January 2022)
- Robust cleaning regimes

To support us in containing the spread of Covid-19, it is important you are aware of the symptoms – particularly of the new Omicron variant. The list below is not exhaustive:

- fever or chills
- cough
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- fatigue
- muscle or body aches
- headache
- new loss of taste or smell
- sore throat
- congestion or runny nose
- nausea or vomiting
- diarrhoea

We appreciate that Lateral Flow Tests (LFD – Lateral Flow Device) – are currently difficult to get hold of, but recommend you test if your child displays any of the symptoms listed and if you have any concerns. A reminder of the guidance: ***adults who are fully vaccinated and all children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 are strongly advised to take a LFD test every day for 7 days and continue to attend their setting as***

**normal, unless they have a positive test result. Daily testing of close contacts applies to all contacts who are:**

- fully vaccinated adults – people who have had 2 doses of an approved vaccine**
- all children and young people aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, regardless of their vaccination status**
- people who are not able to get vaccinated for medical reasons**
- people taking part, or have taken part, in an approved clinical trial for a COVID-19 vaccine**

We are watching the situation carefully and will take advice from Public Health England as the situation develops.

We do have contingency plans should your child have to isolate and be absent from school. The children have been reminded of how to access Google Classroom and teachers are ensuring work is available on there. Work submitted will be marked and feedback provided.

As always, the safety and well-being of all our pupils remains our number one priority and should you have any specific concerns about your child please do not hesitate to get in contact with the school.

Yours faithfully



**Mr Rix  
Headteacher**