



An Ashmole Academy Trust School

Head Teacher: Mr Chris Tofallis

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Advice update to all Year 4 **Cosmo** Parents and Carers

Dear Year 4 **Cosmo** Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, the school has seen a rise in Covid cases in the last week, which have been mainly isolated to one year group, although there have been some cases in other year groups. Thankfully, the children who have tested positive have very mild symptoms and in most cases are asymptomatic. We have been working closely with Public Health England and the DfE to closely monitor cases. The health and safety of our whole community is paramount and every decision we make has everyone's wellbeing at the centre.

Year 4 Cosmo Class will be in a separate bubble for the next few days to help diffuse the situation. This will include playtimes and lunchtimes. Before your child attends the breakfast club or any after school club they will need to have a PCR test to indicate a negative result for peace of mind. Thank you for your support in this matter.

School will remain open, and each class will also remain open. The DfE have stated "*As COVID-19 becomes a virus that we learn to live with, there is now an imperative to reduce the disruption to children and young people's education - particularly given that the direct clinical risks to children are extremely low, our priority is for schools to deliver face-to-face, high-quality education to all pupils. The evidence is clear that being out of education causes significant harm to educational attainment, life chances, mental and physical health.*"

You can also support us with minimising the transmission of Covid by following these recommendations:

- If your child develops any Covid symptoms, please take them for a PCR test and keep them home until you get a negative result.
- If any household member tests positive for Covid, all members of the household must take a PCR and stay home until you get a negative result.
- You may also wish to conduct a lateral flow test twice a week or daily if your class has seen a rise in cases to help catch asymptomatic cases.
- If your child tests positive, consider keeping siblings at home to isolate as well (remote learning will be provided)
- Continue with hygiene routines - increased hand washing and sanitising.
- You may want to wear a mask when coming to and from school.

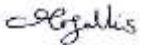
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We thank you in advance for your continued support. Should you wish to discuss anything, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Your sincerely

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Mr Tofallis
Head Teacher