

## An Ashmole Academy Trust School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is a pleasure for our school to be open every day and we certainly want it to remain open throughout the academic year. As you may have read or seen on the news the 'R' rate in England is increasing and we all need to be careful with this virus. There are certain measures that we will be introducing from tomorrow to help our school community and help keep this virus at bay. From tomorrow, I ask all parents and carers to kindly wear a face covering/ mask during all drop offs and pick up times in the school playground. This will certainly benefit our school community and help keep transmission of the virus at bay. We need everyone's help with this. The children will not require face coverings. As a school, we are in a safe and protective bubble and I am pleased to say that school life has been fantastic during this last month.

I also need to highlight the importance of social distancing in the playgrounds - the face coverings or masks for parents/ carers will certainly aid protection against the virus. If anyone does have to report to the school office, the adult will need a face covering/ mask in order to be allowed in.

I would like to kindly remind you all that drop offs should only be with one parent. Once you see the member of staff for your child, please head towards the school exit. On duty every day, will be myself, Mrs Pavlakos, Mrs Chown/ Mrs Mittins and Mr Constantinou. Parents should always stand back, away from the class lines. The MUGA (basketball court) is a place to stay if for any reason you are waiting for anything. Please keep to the exact times for drop offs and collection of your child. All parents must follow the one way system round the whole school on exiting the site. It is very important that children do not play on the climbing frames before or after school. Y4 parents and siblings are welcome to wait on the astro area by the climbing frames but please do not go on the apparatus.

If anyone contacts the school office to report an illness, they must state the exact symptoms to the school office staff, and the staff will guide and support our parents/ carers accordingly. If a pupil displays cold symptoms they must stay at home until they are better. Please remember the three main signs of covid are: high temperature, loss of taste/ smell or a persistent cough. If a pupil has undertaken a covid test, the result must be emailed to the school office before the child can return to school.

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Our forthcoming parent consultations at the beginning of October will now be held via Zoom. In due course, you will be asked to book an appointment and you will be sent a link for the online meeting. Given the recent turn of events nationally, this is the most responsible thing to do under the circumstances.

Thank you for all your support.

Yours sincerely

Mr Tofallis Head Teacher