



12<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

**Re: Ashmole Primary School Precautionary Whole School Closure from 15<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020- Online Learning during this period**

Thank you for all your support this year. Unfortunately, due to staff shortages, illness and vulnerable staff in school, we will be closing school earlier than anticipated from Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December until Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December. This is more of a precautionary measure but covid cases have risen within the school in the last week and it is the most sensible measure to take to keep everyone as safe and healthy as possible in the run-up to the Christmas holiday period. This is not a decision that has been taken lightly as I know how exciting and fun this time is for all the children and staff. Nevertheless, we will be open on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December as normal for all the classes except for Year 1 Nova, Year 2 Carina and Year 4 Apollo. This will at least give most classes an opportunity to see their teachers and friends physically, just before the school holidays. We will continue to provide online learning throughout the week for all the classes for the days the classes are closed. Apologies for the inconvenience but I hope everyone understands the reasons for this measure. We have been trying our very best to keep all class open where possible. The government has also announced that from next week the isolation period for any new confirmed case of covid, or for people being a close contact of a positive case will now be for 10 days rather than 14 days.

We will be providing online learning at home from Tuesday until Friday. This will be led by the class teachers and support staff. We will provide the children's education remotely through email, Zoom and Google Classroom. This will be in the form of some 'interactive lessons' from the staff as well as well-being checks and fun activities. Further details of this will be sent to each class in a separate email before Tuesday next week. The Office and teaching staff will be very busy contacting parents throughout next week. After the holidays, school will reopen again for the children in the New Year on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Thank you for your support as always. I hope everyone has a safe and healthy upcoming Christmas holiday. We will certainly be in contact with everyone throughout next week.

Yours sincerely

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