



An Ashmole Academy Trust School

Head Teacher: **Mr Chris Tofallis**

31st December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Ashmole Primary School - January 2021

I hope you all had a relaxing and restful Christmas, despite all the restrictions.

As you may have heard in the news, the government has announced that schools in Barnet will only open for the children of critical workers and those defined as vulnerable as of 4th January 2021. This will be for at least two weeks. Only those children can attend school from 4th January 2021 and all other children will be taught online. All our teachers will be delivering lessons and sessions via Google Classroom. The online learning will commence on Monday 4th January with a class project and class work set. Further information will be available when you log into Google Classroom with details emailed to the relevant year groups. Interactive live lessons will start on Tuesday 5th January 2021 and these will be held on Google Classroom. It is very important that everyone logs into Google Classroom beforehand and to familiarise yourselves with the login and password of your child's account. All the main online learning will be delivered via Google Classroom. Please ensure your child saves their work in their Google Classroom area as the teachers will be assessing their work and using this as pupil evidence alongside their books. As always, staff will also be keeping a check on all our pupils' well-being.

Attached to this letter is a form for our parents to email back to Mrs Andrews to confirm your child's place at Ashmole Primary School for the two-week school provision for critical workers and vulnerable children. This will be offered from 9am to 3pm Monday to Friday. Our support staff will be supervising these children and the children will follow the online learning led by the class teachers. No child should attend any school sessions if they have any cold symptoms or are on any medication for a cold. At present there will be no Breakfast or After School Clubs. This will all be reviewed again on 18th January 2021. Please reply back to Mrs Andrews office@ashmoleprimary.org by 2nd January 2021 to confirm your child's attendance. The children will be part of a year group 'bubble' for the two weeks and will be based in their year group classrooms to undertake their learning.

When coming to school please ensure a face covering is worn by all adults at all times. Our staff will also be wearing face coverings when meeting and greeting. It has been seen that this new covid variant is more easily transmissible and can be carried by both children and adults, so we all need to be very careful.

Thank you for all your support and we will ensure that everything runs as smoothly as possible for the children, whether learning is at home or at school.

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Our support staff and office team will be present on site to deal with any questions and issues over the next two weeks. On the 18th January 2021, as soon as the government updates us all in regards to the rest of January, I will update everyone accordingly.

A reminder of the symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

Hands

- Wash your hands regularly and for at least 20 seconds.

Face

- Cover your face in enclosed spaces, especially where social distancing may be difficult and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet.
- It is compulsory to wear cloth face coverings on public transport, shops and other indoor settings.

Space

- Stay 2 metres apart where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place.
- Keep your distance from people who are outside your household or support bubble.
- Limit social gatherings and avoid crowded places.

Further Information

Further information is available at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

I wish everyone a Happy New Year and best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Mr Tofallis
Head Teacher