



# Ashford Church of England Primary School

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach half term, I am just writing to you to thank for your support, flexibility and understanding during the last few weeks, as we have adapted back to reopening for the whole school under these new circumstances. It has been a delight to see our Ashford children back at school and engaging well in their learning. As well as this, to see our current school attendance rate at 95.5% in these circumstances is very encouraging.

We have aimed to include in lessons over the recent weeks a variety of learning for the children and activities to help them 'reconnect' back with school. Over the last couple of weeks, we have begun to assess children more formally in their core skills. It also has been good to meet with you via parents evening either face to face (albeit with a screen!) or by phone call; this all will help us form a good foundation for the year as we move forwards. With other aspects of school now beginning, with some house tournaments, 'Wow' events and planning for some clubs to recommence soon, this all will go some way to restore some more normality.

We've also released on our school website our virtual open evening tour, which gives you a flavour of life at school at the moment! It's worth watching at <http://www.ashford-primary.surrey.sch.uk/about/admissions-open.php>

As we know, we are still in uncertain times in terms of lockdowns and possible future government restrictions. Whilst I am very keen, as I am sure you are, that there will be no school closure, we are also ready with our remote learning plans, the detail of which we emailed you in a previous letter on 25 September, which will update and adapt as necessary.

Please be assured we will continue to be mindful of any further government guidance and announcements regarding education and schools and communicate to you swiftly of any changes we need to make going into the coming weeks and months.

May I wish you and your family an enjoyable half term week, and look forward to seeing you safely back at school afterwards.

Thank you again for your continued support and understanding at this time.

Yours faithfully,

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