



Ashford Church of England Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have had a great summer and lots of good family time, albeit maybe not the kind of summer you planned for.

We are so looking forward to bringing our Ashford community back together at the beginning of this new academic year. As previously outlined (and attached to this email for your reference), our procedures this term and the 'way we do school' will still be quite different in order to ensure we are keeping everyone as safe as possible. As we fully reopen our school, we will of course be continuing to follow all government guidance, and keep all of our procedures under constant review.

Additionally to the guidance we sent out in July, please also be aware that from w/b 7th September, children will be able to come to school in their PE kit on their PE days (teachers will let you know in the first week of term what these days are).

Face coverings in primary schools in England are still not required, according to latest government guidance. However, your child is permitted to wear one in school in corridors or communal areas if they want to, as long as they take responsibility for managing it, and are able to remove it for learning time in the classroom.

Our whole staff team are looking forward to a great year ahead with all our pupils back at school. We are making our focus this year all about 'reconnecting, catching up and creating' - and can't wait to get started! To support your child's return to school, please look on the home page of our school website, which has links to materials to look at with your child about returning to school.

Whilst we certainly want to see all of our Ashford children returning to school at the beginning of term, please also can we entrust all of our parents to be mindful of the government's latest quarantine arrangements if you have travelled abroad in certain countries, to ensure we are keeping all our families as safe as possible. As attendance at school becomes compulsory again from the beginning of this term, please let us know if your child is going to be absent from school. If your child is unwell, or displaying COVID19 symptoms, please do not bring them in to school and book a test for them straight away. Unless the test is positive, your child can return to school on the next school day, as long as they are well enough to do so.

Above all, we are also aware that this has been, and in many cases, continues to be, a difficult time for many of our families, so please do be kind, generous and supportive to all of our parents and staff team as we negotiate our way together through this unusual beginning to our academic year.

Thank you for all your continued support and understanding.

Yours sincerely,

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