



# Ashford Church of England Primary School

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Parents/Carers,

As our first full week back at school draws to a close, I want to thank you for supporting your children and our school to get our new year started well. It has been so lovely to see the children back again enjoying school and their time together! You can read more about what they have been up to so far in ACE Highlights later today.

You will no doubt be aware from local media that there are other schools in the locality, including Laleham, that have had a confirmed COVID case, and that is understandably going to cause some concern. At this stage in time, I would like to assure you that there are no known current cases within Ashford CE Primary School. Please also be assured that all of our procedures and systems are in place in our school to ensure we are doing all we can to promote all necessary measures, like hand hygiene and social distancing. We keep all of this under review, risk assessing daily and tweaking procedures where necessary.

We can be really proud of how well the children have adapted back to school life; they have had so much to learn in terms of classroom procedures, playtime procedures, lunchtime arrangements and so on. They have been a real credit to all of us. A big thank you to parents also for your cooperation and patience with our dropping off and picking up arrangements, which are now working well.

Of course, all of us need to do our bit to follow all the guidelines. Please do continue to be mindful, as much as is possible within the space we have, to keep a safe distance from other parents and leave the site and surrounding area promptly. If your child or anyone in your family or household develops symptoms, please do get tested. We are all aware that this can be a frustrating process currently, but do be persistent in this in order to keep us all safe. Please always let us know of the test result straight away, whatever the outcome.

The school will continue to follow all government guidance, including if we are informed of a confirmed case within the school. We will of course seek immediate advice from our local health protection team, and communicate any action to parents as soon we can.

Lastly, a big thank you again for your on-going understanding – to one another, to our school staff, and of course to all our Ashford children – in what is a challenging and very different start to the school year. Please be aware that the leadership team will keep all our current school procedures under review in the light of feedback and further government guidance to ensure we are doing the best we can for our children. Any changes made in response to this evolving situation or further government announcements will be communicated to you as swiftly as possible.

Yours faithfully,

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