



Ashford Church of England Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

27 January 2022

As you will know, it was announced by the government last week that further national COVID restrictions are being lifted as from today. This means that from today, face coverings are no longer mandatory in shops and on transport, though still recommended for crowded and enclosed spaces.

Given that we still have a relatively high number of COVID cases within our school community, we would still recommend continued caution in crowded areas, and so **we will continue to ask parents to wear face coverings whilst on our site, and during drop off and pick up times.** Please still be mindful of social distancing where possible when there are lots of people around. There are still some other measures (listed below) which we are not currently changing, which we would appreciate your support with:

- Please keep us updated promptly on any COVID test results so that the school stays informed
- Please ensure your children come to school with plenty of layers, given that we will continue to ensure enough ventilation in classrooms
- Where possible, please ensure only one adult is dropping off and collecting your child on our school site to minimise crowding.
- If you need to enter the school office, again please make sure you are wearing a face covering. Only two parents in the office at one time please.
- Finally, if your child is unwell, and showing any COVID symptoms, please do not send them into school.

Please be assured that we are rigorously following the risk assessments and infection control measures laid down by the DfE, and we continue to keep all these measures under review on a daily basis. As a school, we are committed to doing whatever we can to protect children and staff whilst doing our very best to deliver learning within a COVID-safe environment. **We will review the use of face coverings on site at half term**, and continue to keep you informed, including if we need to reintroduce any measures.

Working together, we can all aim to minimise any spread and this will enable the school to take swift action where necessary. Thank you for your continued support and understanding with this.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Headteacher

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Head of School

