



## Ashford Park Primary School

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Dear Parent / Carer

As we enter the final weeks of what has been the most challenging term for schools, I am writing to appeal to you to ensure that you do not send your child into school if they are displaying any Covid-19 symptoms that are actual or potential. Please keep all family members at home and arrange tests for those who have symptoms.

I would urge you to be especially cautious during the last week of school **and if you are in any doubt, please keep your child at home** for the health and safety of the whole school community. It would be devastating for families if we had to send a class, or even potentially whole year group, home to self-isolate during the final week of term as that may impact significantly on any planned holiday celebrations.

It is vital that every single family offers their 100% commitment to abiding by the DfE Covid-19 guidance. I regret to say that there have been incidents this term where children have been sent into school when they were symptomatic or when someone else in the household was awaiting the result of a Covid test. This not only undermines national efforts to reduce transmission of the virus, it also disrupts the education of our children, causes huge inconvenience for families and creates additional workload for staff. It is essential for the well-being of our whole community that we continue to follow government guidance.

Schools have had to make some very tough, and at times, unpopular decisions this term and I can only reinforce that no decision is ever made lightly or in isolation. Thank you for your continued compassion and co-operation in supporting us throughout this time.

Yours sincerely

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