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Dear Parent / Carer,

We are writing to inform you that Ashford Park Primary School has COVID-19 cases in year 1, year 2, year 4, year 5, year 6 and the Acorn Centre.

We know that you may find this concerning, but we are continuing to monitor the situation. **If your child is deemed to be a close contact of the positive case in school, we will contact you to advise.**

The setting remains open, and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well. All students and staff, regardless of year group, should remain vigilant regarding COVID-19. All parents are advised to continue with the routine twice weekly asymptomatic LFD COVID-19 testing of those aged 11 and above in the household.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) or tests positive for COVID-19

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are a new, continuous cough, or a high temperature, or a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia).

If your child develops symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19), they should get a PCR test via Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus (COVID-19) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) or by calling 119 and remain at home at least until the result is known. If the test is positive, follow the self-isolation guidance from NHS Test and Trace and inform the school of the result.

More information on symptoms is available: https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/check-if-you-have-coronavirus-symptoms/. If you are concerned about your child's symptoms, or they are worsening you can seek advice from NHS 111 at https://111.nhs.uk/ or by phoning 111.

If your child has a positive LFD test please report this test at https://www.gov.uk/log-test-site-covid19-results. They should isolate and follow the guidance COVID-19: guidance for households with possible coronavirus infection - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk). A confirmatory PCR test is not required.

How to stop coronavirus (COVID-19) spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with coronavirus (COVID-19): guidance on how to stay safe and help prevent the spread:

- Get vaccinated – everyone aged 12 and over are eligible – see Coronavirus (COVID-19)

[vaccination - NHS (www.nhs.uk)](www.nhs.uk) for more details and how to book.

- Wash your hands with soap and water or use hand sanitiser regularly throughout the day
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze and put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards
- Meet people outside and avoid crowded areas
- Open doors and windows to let in fresh air if meeting people inside
- Wear a face covering when it's hard to stay away from other people – particularly indoors or in crowded places
- Participate in twice weekly LFD testing following national guidelines (recommended for 11 years and over). We encourage you to log your results here: https://www.gov.uk/log-test-site-covid19-results

Yours sincerely

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