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## ASHFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL

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and change the world*

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I appreciate that this has been a difficult time for some families but I hope that you are safe and well.

We are continually reviewing our COVID-19 risk assessment and continue to follow guidance from the DfE. I can assure you that all measures are in place to ensure that Ashfield Junior School is a safe to come to school. These include:

- Regular washing of hands and use of hand sanitizers
- Ventilating the school with open windows or doors
- Using CO<sub>2</sub> monitors
- Thorough cleaning throughout the school
- Staff will continue to wear face masks in communal areas
- Soft start to the school day
- Year group 'bubbles' for assembly, playtime and lunchtime
- All visitors to the school to follow the school's COVID-19 procedures
- Staff regularly taking LFT tests

Just as before, anyone with symptoms must self-isolate immediately. The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- A new continuous cough
- A high temperature
- A loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If you have travelled abroad during the holidays, please make sure you keep up to date with the latest requirements for returning to England:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-to-england-from-another-country-during-coronavirus-covid-19> These rules are different if you have visited a red list country:  
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/red-list-of-countries-and-territories>

As before, we are continuing with the guidance from the DfE regarding daily testing for contacts of COVID-19:

**All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take a Lateral Flow Test (LFT) every day for 7 days instead of self-isolating.**

Once notified by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact, all eligible adults and pupils should take an LFT each day for 7 days and report the results through the Online Reporting System and to their setting. **If they test negative, they can continue to attend their education setting.**

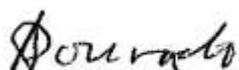
From Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022, **people without symptoms who have a positive LFT result, no longer have to take a PCR test to confirm their status.**

Whichever type of positive test result you have, you are required to **self-isolate for at least seven days**. Two negative lateral flow tests (LFT) are required to end self-isolation - the first no earlier than day six, followed by a second test result 24 hours later. If both tests are negative - and you do not have a high temperature - you can stop self-isolating on day seven and your child can return to school. If the day-six test is positive, you can take two further tests on subsequent days, and can stop isolating once you've receive two negative tests, 24 hours apart. Then your child can return to school.

For primary aged children LFT test kits are available through the usual routes (community test sites, local pharmacies or online).

Please email the NHS link from the online reporting system or a photo of your child's LFT to [admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ashfield.herts.sch.uk). We will also continue to support those parents who keep siblings off school as a further measure to limit the spread.

Kind regards,



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Headteacher