



# Ash Grove Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

After the announcement from the Prime Minister on Monday, and the news that Wakefield is in a tier 2 area, I am writing to you to outline further measures that we are taking in school to ensure that we minimise the risk of spreading Covid 19.

Staff will now wear a mask or visor when on the school site at all times, other than when they are teaching in their classrooms. This means that when they move about school they are using a face covering to protect themselves and others.

We have increased the cleaning routines and have implemented an additional cleaning routine around shared equipment so that it is cleaned down both before and after use.

These measures, in addition to those already in place, we hope will add further protections and minimise the risk of transmission.

To support us in our efforts we are asking that all parents and visitors onto any part of our site please wear a face covering that is over their nose and mouth. Please make sure that this face covering is taken off away from the site and appropriately disposed of. There have been some instances of face coverings being dropped on the floor and left where a young child could pick them up.

We also ask that parents carefully supervise their children before the start of the school day, and that children are only mixing with others from their own bubble both before and after school whilst on the school site. The reason for this is linked to keeping the bubbles separate and minimising the risk of disruption to families if bubbles have to isolate and be closed. If we can show that each class has been separate as a bubble in school – should there be an infection in a class – only that class would have to close and isolate for 14 days. If children have been playing before school with a pupil or pupils from another bubble, then all the pupils in both bubbles would have to isolate. This would mean many more children missing school, and many parents not able to go to work whilst they are at home supervising their child, which could cause financial hardship for some.

We all have our part to play in keeping our community safe and keeping our children in school and learning. Thank you for the part you are playing in helping us keep Ash Grove fully open. 7% of primary schools are currently partially closed in England and 13% of secondary schools. We are doing really well so far in keeping this virus out of our school. We hope that with your continued help we can sustain this moving forward.

Yours sincerely

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