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PARENT & CARER COVID-19 UPDATE 6th JANUARY 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to inform you that it has been reported to the school that two pupils who were in school this week have had positive COVID-19 results.

We know that you may find this concerning, but we are continuing to monitor the situation and are working closely with Public Health England. This letter is to inform you of the current situation and provide advice on how to support your child. Please be reassured that for most children, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

The current guidance from the Local Authority is that people who are fully vaccinated, or children and young people aged between 5 and 18 years and 6 months, identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19, are not legally required to isolate but are strongly advised to take an LFD test every day for seven days and continue to attend their setting as normal, unless they have a positive test result or develop symptoms at any time. If they cannot take/do not have access to any LFD tests, they may still attend their setting unless they develop any symptoms.

We would strongly advise therefore, that parents of all children who have attended school this week, administer asymptomatic LFD COVID-19 tests for 7 days for each child. Should any LFT test be positive a PCR test should be taken [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus \(COVID-19\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/get-a-free-pcr-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus-covid-19) or by calling 119. Further guidance can be found at [Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection who do not live with the person - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contact-tracing-guidance-for-people-with-confirmed-covid-19-infection)

Ashurst Primary School remains open and your child should continue to attend as normal if they remain well.

From January 11th, in England, the Government have suspended the need to do a PCR to confirm the result of a positive lateral flow test. From next Tuesday, if anyone tests positive on a lateral flow device, the result should be recorded on gov.uk and they should begin self-isolating. They should test daily for 7 days. If they test negative on days 6 and 7, then your child may return to school on the following school day. If they do not test negative on days 6 and 7, then they will need to complete the full 10 days of isolation.

Yours sincerely

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