

Dear Parents/Carers,

We just wanted to reassure you that there are many measures in place at Ashford Oaks, following the government guidelines, in order to keep the children, staff and parents as safe as we possibly can during these challenging times.

What measures are in place?

- All adults are required to wear a face mask when dropping off and picking up children
- All adults are asked to remain 2 metres apart when queuing outside
- Children and staff are part of bubbles (a bubble is both classes in one year group) so the majority of adults are fixed to one bubble
- Children can only go in a classroom if it is part of their bubble
- The corridors are only used by children when going to the toilet or hall if necessary which has significantly reduced movement around the school
- Break times and lunch times are staggered and each bubble uses a different area of the playground
- Y2 – Y6 eat in their classrooms so don't mix with other bubbles, YR and Y1 eat in the hall but are spread out
- The kitchen staff are in their own bubble and prepare all lunches following food preparation guidelines as outlined by Harrison's Catering Co.
- Adults use designated areas for their bubble so don't mix with other adults for long periods of time during their breaks
- Cleaning and lots of it! We have cleaning rotas for the children's toilets, staff wipe down tables and touch points regularly, staff areas are also cleaned regularly. We have plenty of cleaning stock in school
- Hand washing or using hand gel has been built into the children's daily routine e.g. when entering school, before break, after break, before lunch, after going to the toilet
- The school is well ventilated – on that note please make sure your child is wearing extra layers to keep warm
- We have virtual assemblies and meetings so bubbles and adults don't mix
- We have a clear system in place for suspected cases of coronavirus during the school day and if we have any concerns parents are contacted immediately
- Where possible, resources are not shared between bubbles e.g. children have their own pencils and pens that they use
- Reading books that go home and come back into school are quarantined before being put back in the class library
- We ask that only essential items are brought into school by the children
- All children wear correct school uniform or PE kit on a PE day

We are working hard to make Ashford Oaks as safe as we possibly can.

Thank you for your continued support and please stay safe.

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