



# Ashton Community Science College

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Dear Parents/Carers of year 9

The health and wellbeing of our children, young people and families remains our highest priority. Thank you for your support in managing this during the pandemic. This week a number of positive cases of Covid-19 have been reported to the school in year 9.

In light of this, we would like therefore to emphasise some key points to help us manage this with the aim of minimising any disruption to education. This includes:

1. Notifying us as soon as possible **if your child has had a positive Covid-19 test**
2. Making sure if your child has symptoms of Covid-19 they isolate and book a PCR test immediately, **then follow the advice you're given when you get the result**
3. If your child has any other symptoms or is not feeling well, then stay away from school as you normally would if your child was unwell, **and please also seek a PCR test.**

Please make sure you **book a test using the online portal or call 111** and click the option that says: **"My local council or health protection team has asked me (or someone I live with) to get a test, even though I do not have symptoms." If the result is positive your child will need to isolate. Follow the advice you're given when you get the result.**

4. Continue with the routine twice weekly LFT testing at home. Anyone who has previously received a positive Covid-19 PCR test result should not be re-tested within 90 days of that test, unless they develop any new symptoms of Covid-19.

As we are in an outbreak situation, we are putting the following additional measures in place:

- Suggesting the Year groups where we have an outbreak wear masks in lessons
- Temporarily stopping face to face assemblies for year 9– but they will be delivered in school virtually and resume when cases have reduced.

We will of course continue with our enhanced cleaning, increased ventilation and regular hand cleaning before and after every lesson. Thank you for your continued support and understanding and if you have any questions about these measures, please contact me via the school office.

Yours sincerely

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