



Aston Tower Community Primary School

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Dear parents and carers,

Update on keeping everyone at Aston Tower safe from Covid-19

Keeping everyone safe from catching Covid-19 and making sure lessons happen as normal are really important to us at Aston Tower. The Government have given us fewer rules to follow and I am writing to share them with you.

If my child has Covid-19 Symptoms

If one of your children has Covid-19 Symptoms (new cough, loss of taste or smell or high temperature) that child **must** stay at home. You should book your child a PCR test to check if your child has Covid-19. All other children in your household can come to school but you are asked to book a test for everyone in your household. You can get tests by ringing 111. If any of your children gets a positive result they **must** stay at home. You should ring 111 to tell you for how long. You must not test anyone who has Covid-19 symptoms by using the lateral flow tests that secondary school pupils and many adults use each week.

If one of your children starts having Covid-19 symptoms when in school

If one of your children has Covid-19 symptoms when they are in school they will come out of class straight away. You must collect them immediately. This term, other children in your household can stay in school. However, you should get a PCR test for everyone in your house straight away.

Face coverings

You **must** wear a face covering if you come into the school building unless you have an exemption. You don't have to wear a face covering in the playground but you may wish to.

Other things we are doing

The children will keep washing their hands lots of times to kill any germs. We will keep some windows open for part of the school day to make the air cleaner. Adults in the building will keep wearing face coverings in crowded areas.

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Coming into school at the start and end of the day

For children in Years 1 to 6, school will start at 8:35am. Please bring them through the playground gate at 8:30am if you want to come with them. Take them to their teacher. You should then leave the school site through Tower Road. This one way system helps stop the spread of Covid-19. At the end of the day, the same will happen. The school gate will open at 3:25pm and your child needs to be collected, on time, at 3:30pm. Children in Reception will start school at 8:40am and nursery at 8:45am. Children in Reception should be collected at 3:30pm and nursery at 3:45pm.

PE kits

Your child will still wear their PE kit for the whole day when they have PE. Your child's teacher will tell your child which day they are doing PE.

Talking to staff

Please avoid talking to staff or getting too close to them. It's best if you ring or email us on enquiry@astontower.bham.sch.uk if you want to talk to us.

We may have to bring back many of the things we used to do if the number of Covid-19 cases starts to rise. We will let you know if this happens.

We look forward to welcoming your child back to Aston Tower on Monday 6th September at 8:35am.

Yours faithfully

Jonathan Moore

Headteacher

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