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COVID-19 UPDATE

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Hello to everyone. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding during this very difficult time. We appreciate you communicating with us about self-isolation and social distancing - this really helps us understand the position you are all in.

Within school, we are continually reviewing our situation to ensure we consider the impact on all aspects of school life, and we are trying to maintain as much normality as possible for the children, however this is becoming increasingly difficult.

There are still no confirmed or suspected cases here at Ashcroft, however there are a number of staff having to self-isolate under the new guidelines which is obviously having an impact in school. We currently have enough staff to keep all classes open, although there may be some classes having to double up at some point during the day. We will work to keep our ratios at 1:30 in school and 1:8 in nursery (or 1:13 with suitably qualified staff).

Where things change we will communicate this with as much notice as possible. However, please be prepared that some decisions may be last minute if, for example guidelines change or a member of staff has to self-isolate or become socially distant.

The new guidelines for vulnerable groups has not yet been enforced, but if your child or anyone in their household is in the vulnerable groups we accept that you may choose to self-isolate/socially distance and we have no objections to this at all – please just let us know.

The current government guidelines for self-isolation can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>

The current guidelines on social distancing can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

We have put together a number of useful links for any children who are self-isolating or social distancing – please see previous communications for these or check our

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Facebook page and website. Please can we ask that you do not message staff for home learning as they do not currently have the capacity to prepare extra work to send out. In the event that we do close we are currently putting together resources which will get emailed to you.

Lastly, we are doing everything we can to keep our children, staff, parents and our wider community safe and we are following the government guidance exactly – we ask that you do the same. We have increased cleaning and are being very mindful of good hygiene practices but we are also aware that this can only protect us so much. Thank you all for your ongoing support at such a difficult time, we know that it is a scary time for many – please look after yourselves, both physically and mentally and if you need any further advice please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs Fellows