



23 October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I sincerely hope that you are all safe and well. As we draw our first half-term to a close, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support. There is no denying that the current situation is challenging – both in school and at home – and the way that you have approached your child's return to school has really made a difference. Thank you.

As we move into next half-term, we will continue with the procedures and protocols that we currently have in place to ensure everyone's safety but we will be making some changes to allow greater access to practical activities within GCSE courses. All changes have been fully risk assessed and will be constantly under review. In order to allow access to the necessary specialist equipment in practical subjects, Years 10 and 11 will be given an amended timetable for week commencing 9th November.

I know our children and young people will still want to see their friends during the holidays, but please can I remind all parents that while Tier 2 restrictions apply, children and young people must not meet up in groups larger than six people (of any age) and that young people should not be gathering indoors with friends. Please also remember where they do meet up in groups of six or less, they should still observe social distancing and good hand hygiene. Helping our children and young people to understand the importance of this will help to keep us all safe and healthy.

If your child is not able to return to school after the half term break due to a positive test result or they are self-isolating, please inform us via email admin@ashingtonacademy.co.uk We will contact you when school reopens to discuss this with you.

Thank you again for your help in this matter and I wish you a safe and well half term break. We look forward to welcoming your child back on Monday 2nd November.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Y Weston
Head of School

