

Cheshire West & Chester Council

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Letter sent via email

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Dear Head Teacher, Chair of Governors, Staff, Parent/Carer,

Thank You

I would like to pass on a message of thanks to all the staff, pupils and parents/carers for their hard work and commitment to managing COVID-19 in schools since the start of the autumn term. This commitment has ensured that the impact of COVID-19 on children's education has been minimised where possible.

Parents have been instrumental in supporting schools by notifying them as soon as their child tests positive so that schools can quickly advise children and staff to self-isolate, reducing the risk of them infecting other people should they then become infectious during the 14-day isolation period. Staff have also worked hard to ensure that they socially distance from each other during their working day, something that can be challenging in the close working environment of a school. I am also extremely impressed by the commitment shown by pupils through the wearing face coverings when required within the school communal areas.

I hope everyone has a well-deserved and enjoyable half-term break. But I would like to remind staff, parents/carers and pupils that to ensure we keep rates of the virus down you **should not**:

- mix with people outside your household (or support bubble), this includes not mixing in the household of pupils you are in a bubble with at school
- hold parties to celebrate Halloween with people outside your household (or support bubble)
- visit restaurants with people outside of your household



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I would encourage you to:

- Shop local
- Visit local restaurants with your household (or support bubble)
- Enjoy our great local outdoor parks and woodland
- Participate in local COVID secure events with people from your household (or support bubble)
- Wear face coverings when required
- Wash your hands regularly
- Maintain two metre social distancing from people outside of your household (or support bubble)
- Self-isolate with your household and get tested if you develop symptoms of COVID-19

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Ashworth', written in a cursive style.

Ian Ashworth
Director of Public Health