



Ark All Saints Academy

Wednesday 26th October 2020

Dear Parents,

School arrangements for Education Tiers

I want to thank you for your support during what I am sure you can appreciate is a challenging time for all of us. Attendance at school remains high, and scholars are benefitting by being back in class.

As you know, the situation with COVID-19 is changeable and we need to make reasonable adjustments and respond to the local situation as it changes.

As you know from our last letter on Friday 16th October, we are currently undergoing **Education Tier 1 interventions** which relate to Coronavirus, this means all scholars and staff must wear a face-covering in communal spaces, but not in classrooms.

I am writing to you with more information about the tiered approach and what we have planned if we are placed in a higher tier in the future. The tiered approach has been outlined by the government, it says the steps we should take if there are COVID-19 outbreaks in the local area. The local authority and public health officials will let us know if Southwark is subject to new interventions and we need to move into a new tier. To be clear, these decisions will not be for the school to make. Please do not assume that we are about to move up a tier - we are not.

If you need further information you can read our full policy and strategy on the school website here.

<https://arkallsaintsacademy.org/sites/default/files/Ark%20All%20Saints%20Remote%20Learning%20Policy.pdf> or by emailing info@arkallsaintsacademy.org

Education Tier 1 – Current Situation

- Schools remain open and all scholars are expected to attend unless they or someone in their household has tested positive for Coronavirus, and they are self-isolating, or if they have symptoms and are awaiting a test result. It may be the case that groups, including classes or whole year groups are asked to self-isolate if they are contacts of a positive case.
- In the event of Tier 1 interventions, all secondary aged scholars and staff must wear face coverings when they are in communal spaces and are moving around the school, these do not have to be worn in classrooms.

Education Tier 2

- Year 11 scholars will continue to attend school as normal
- We will operate a rota system for other year groups where scholars will attend for one week on, and one week off
 - Scholars with surnames beginning A - J will attend one week and then complete remote learning the following week and scholars with surnames beginning K to Z will do the opposite
- We will split the school up in this way to make it easier for families, so all siblings are in school the same week. If you have children with different surnames living in your household

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then please email info@arkallsaintsacademy.org and we will make appropriate arrangements.

- Priority groups (critical workers' and vulnerable children) will be offered full-time on-site education.

Education Tier 3

- Secondary schools will be open to selected year groups– the Government will decide which year groups are prioritised. This is likely to include Year 11.
- Priority will also go to children of critical workers' and vulnerable children.
- All the other scholars will be learning from home.

Education Tier 4

- Schools are **only** open for priority groups (critical workers and vulnerable children).
- All other scholars will stay at home for online learning.
- There will be an online booking system for parents in priority groups to book places in school.

Additional information about virtual learning:

- If we do need to enter a higher tier, online learning will look very similar to how it did before.
- Scholars will need to log into Show my Homework every day between 8:30am and 8:50am, work for the day will be ready to be completed for the day
- Please ensure your child knows their login details and how to use: Show my Homework, Microsoft Teams, Microsoft Forms, SPARK (Ark's learning platform), Oak National Academy and Hegarty Maths
- Any scholars having trouble accessing any of the above should talk to their Pastoral Director
- Please do your best to ensure your child has access to a device with an internet connection that they can use to complete their online work.
- During remote learning we will continue to follow our normal timetable for Year 10 and Year 11. Year 7, 8 and 9 will follow their normal timetable period 1 to 4.
- If we have to introduce rotas, a partial or full closure, I will contact you with further details with how this affects your child.

This letter is for your information only, so you are aware of the different tiers that could be introduced and what they mean for your child and our school. Our continued commitment is to our scholars and ensuring their education is disrupted as little as possible.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to email us info@arkallsaintsacademy.org

Yours faithfully

Lucy Frame
Principal