



# Ark All Saints Academy

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents,

## **Re: Face coverings in school**

I am writing to provide you with an update on the changes to the Covid-19 operational guidance for schools in response to the emergence of a new covid-19 variant, commonly referred to in the media as Omicron.

The updated guidance states that from the week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> November: “Face coverings should be worn in communal areas in all settings by staff, visitors and students in year 7 and above, unless they are exempt. Students (in year 7 or above) should continue to wear face coverings on public and dedicated school transport, unless they are exempt.”

### **In practical terms, and in line with the updated guidance for shops and public transport, this means that from Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> November:**

- **When indoors**, staff, students and visitors to the school should wear face coverings as they move around the school e.g. in corridors, staff room, etc.
- Students using public transport (including school buses provided by the LA) are required to wear a face covering unless they have an exemption.

### **NB: Face coverings are not required to be worn in classrooms, changing rooms or during music and drama rehearsals.**

I am conscious that there will be a small number of students who will need to be exempt for health reasons. If you feel that your child should be exempt, please e-mail [info@arkallsaintsacademy.org](mailto:info@arkallsaintsacademy.org).

### **Please remember scholars are expected to have their own face coverings.**

At this stage, there are no further updates to the guidance, however this may change, and we will inform you of any changes as soon as we are made aware of them.

Thank you for your continued support

Yours sincerely,

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