



Ark All Saints Academy

Monday 15th March 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you and your families safe and well, it has been lovely having our scholars back onsite and into classroom learning.

Firstly, I would like to thank all of the parents who have given consent for their child to take part in the Lateral Flow Testing Programme. This has been an additional part of the Academy day for scholars and staff. Most of our scholars have or will be completing three Lateral Flow Tests onsite over the coming days.

Following government advice, the next phase of Covid testing is for scholars to carry out testing from home for the remainder of the term. The Spring Term ends on Wednesday 31st March, further details regarding the end of term will be sent out shortly.

All scholars including those who have not participated in the onsite testing will be issued with two boxes of home testing kits to take home with them over the coming days. The kits include all the equipment to be able to carry out up to six tests at home. The kits contain an information leaflet on how to take the tests and scholars have had a tutorial during Collective Worship. For further information the following link gives clear guidance on how to carry out testing:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9XR8RZxKNo&list=PLvaBZskxS7tzQYlVg7lwH5uxAD9UrSzGJ&index=2>

It is recommended that scholars carry out two test per week and I am therefore advising that scholars take tests on the following dates:

Year 11- every Sunday and Wednesday starting Wednesday 17th March 2021

Year 10- every Sunday and Wednesday starting Wednesday 17th March 2021

Year 9- every Sunday and Wednesday starting Sunday 21st March 2021

Year 8- every Sunday and Wednesday starting Sunday 21st March 2021

Year 7- every Sunday and Wednesday starting Sunday 21st March 2021

Logging of results for Track and Trace purposes should be completed using the guidance from the leaflet using the website: www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result. You do not need to inform the academy of a negative test result.

Should a test show a positive result you will be required to book a PCR test using the website: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. Scholars will be required to isolate until you receive the result of the PCR test and we kindly ask that the academy is kept informed of results.

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Should you have any queries please contact: info@arkallsaintsacademy.org.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support with Lateral Flow testing and helping us to make the academy as safe as possible. As a general reminder your child should not attend school and you need to contact 111 if they have any Covid related symptoms

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Yours sincerely

Ms L Frame
Principal