



Ark John Keats Academy

29th November 2021

Dear families,

The government updated its Covid guidance for schools on Sunday 28th November, so I am writing to advise you of what you can continue to do to keep our community safe in the run up to the holidays when I know many of you will want to be able to spend time with your families.

Masks

Please ensure your child comes to school with a face mask. These must be worn in communal areas: corridors, the dining hall when not eating, and the assembly hall. These should be plain surgical masks, black, pink or dark coloured and not patterned. Masks with any offensive or distracting patterning will be confiscated until the end of term. From tomorrow, pupils who have not brought in a face covering will be given one along with a fifteen minute after school catch-up. If your child is exempt from wearing a face mask they should wear their pink exemption lanyard. If they have lost this, please ensure they get a replacement from Ms Efstratiou.

Testing

Please ensure your child takes a Lateral Flow Test twice a week. If your child has run out of tests they must ask their form tutor who can issue them with a new box. There is no cost to this testing programme. A reminder you must record your result with both the NHS and the school here - <https://forms.office.com/r/yqEWACsfbx>.

Contact tracing and isolation

The current guidance on contact tracing and isolation remains in place. In addition to these, any suspected or confirmed close contacts of the Omicron variant will be asked to isolate for 10 days regardless of vaccination status or age. You will be contacted directly and told to isolate by test and trace if this is the case.

Symptoms reminder

Please do not send your child to school if they have:

- **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

Children **should not come to school they have symptoms**. You should ensure that your child takes a Covid test immediately if they have any of the symptoms above. If that test is negative, your child can come back to school.

Many thanks for all your support to date.

Yours sincerely,

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