



Ark Elvin Academy

22 September 2020

Dear parents and carers,

We have had such a positive start to the new academic year – it has been delightful seeing our pupils back in their classrooms and working hard. They have got used to our new expectations and the new home rooms and are really working hard to stay safe and keep learning.

But of course, there remain on-going concerns around the Covid-19 pandemic. We are continuing to do all we can to ensure our school remains safe and open. Please remind your child to stay a safe and social distance from their friends outside school as we will continue to in school and wear a mask if they need to use public transport. Children are welcome and encouraged to wear a mask as they move around the school building and in classrooms if you would like them to. The mask must be plain blue, black, white or purple.

I wanted to let you know our process of what will happen **if** we have a positive Covid-19 test in a child or adult. At this point no member of our community has had a positive test result since we re-opened but it is likely that at some point this will happen.

If a child or adult tests positive for Covid-19, we will immediately inform Public Health England (PHE). PHE will ask us a number of questions about the measures we are using to control the spread of the virus. They will also take into account the local context and any local infections that have been reported. PHE will then direct us to do one of a number of things:

- We may send home small groups of children in a year group for remote learning for 14 days
- We may be directed to send home a class “bubble” for remote learning for 14 days
- We may be directed to send home a year group for remote learning for 14 days
- We may be directed to close the whole school and move to remote learning for 14 days.

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As soon as we are directed to do one of the above measures, we will contact you by letter and text message. In order to contain the infection, we will send pupils home from school immediately. I hope you understand the need for us to act quickly should this happen. If you have any issues with us sending your child home before the end of the school day in the event of a full or partial closure, for instance if you would prefer to collect them please contact the school office (info@arkelvinacademyacademy.org) with your child's name and their year group and we will arrange for you to be called directly before they are sent home.

I know that you will have many questions about this. If so please do not hesitate to contact the school office directly.

With kind regards,

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