



Ark Elvin Academy

23 February 2021

Dear parents and carers,

As I am sure you will have seen yesterday the prime minister announced that all schools are to begin re-opening to pupils from 8th March 2021. We are really excited to be able to prepare for the safe return of our pupils. You can read the government's plan [here](#). Everyone has worked so hard to make the most of on-line learning, but we know how much our children have missed being in school and learning in their classrooms.

We will be welcoming our pupils back one or two year groups at a time from the 8th March starting with Years 11 and 12. We are currently working on the exact date and time for each year groups return and will share this with you by the end of this week but please ensure your child is ready to return to school that week.

We will be offering all pupils access to COVID testing to support our safe return. The government has made it clear that rapid testing using Lateral Flow Devices (LFDs) will support the return to face-to-face education by helping identify people who are infectious but do not have any coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms. All pupils will be offered three tests in school 3-5 days apart during our first two weeks of in school teaching. Once pupils have been tested three times in school, they will be provided with home test kits for regular weekly testing. Whilst testing is NOT compulsory we will be strongly encouraging it as it is an important way we can limit the amount of virus circulating in our community. Please follow this link [here](#) to give your consent for your child to be tested on their return to school.

All our strict safety measures remain in place to keep our community safe as we reopen our school. On their return to school we will train our children about these important measures so that every child understands how we are going to work together to **stay safe**.

- **All staff and pupils are now required to wear a mask at all time** through the school day unless they have an exemption
- **Strict social distancing:** All staff must maintain a 2m distance from pupils, and all pupils must maintain strict social distancing with pupils from outside their bubbles especially at break and lunch time and before and after school

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- **Regular hand washing** through the school day - using hand sanitiser when entering the school building and our classrooms and always encouraging good basic hygiene expectations
- **Enhanced cleaning** throughout the school day - we now have a team of daytime cleaners working across the school to keep our building clean and safe
- **Well-ventilated classrooms** - all our classrooms have mechanical ventilation which maintains a healthy level of ventilation throughout the school day - this will be enhanced with the physical opening of classroom windows and doors
- **Separate entrances to the school building, strict year group zoning and class base rooms, separate lunch times for different year groups and a staggered end to the school day** will keep our year group bubbles separate and reduce the contact your child has with other children outside their bubble.

We will be holding virtual parents' meetings on Microsoft Teams to discuss these safety measures and answer your questions about how we will support your child to return to school safely next **Tuesday 2nd March at 5pm:**

- KS4: Years 10-11 - [Click here](#) to follow the link to join the meeting
- KS5: Year 12 - [Click here](#) to follow the link to join the meeting
- KS3: Years 7-9 - [Click here](#) to follow the link to join the meeting

In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly or speak to your child's head of year.

Take care,

Ms Curtis
Principal

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