



Ark Elvin Academy

5 March 2021

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you and your families are all well and that your children are as excited as we are to be welcoming them all back to school next week. Our staff have spent the last two days finalising our preparations for a return to teaching in our classrooms. We understand that some of you may still have concerns about your child staying safe at school. Please watch [this video](#) to see the ways we are working hard to keep our whole community safe. We also understand that some children will feel anxious about returning to school. There has been a great deal of discussion in the news about children losing out and falling behind and I know that this can make children feel worried that they might be behind in their learning. We are so proud of how hard the vast majority of our children have worked throughout lockdown and our teachers are ready to welcome them back into their classrooms and help them get back into working hard in school over the next week. Please reassure your child that we are here to support them every step of the way. If you have any concerns about how your child is feeling about the return to school, please do not hesitate to contact your child's form tutor or head of year.

5 ways you can support your child to be ready to return to school next week:

1. Make sure you are clear about when your child returns to school

Monday 8th March – Years 12			Monday 8th March – Years 11		
Form	Start	Finish	Form	Start	Finish
12 Michaeloudis	14:15	14:45	11 Chroussis	10:30	13:00
12 Mohamed	14:45	15:15	11 Gliksten	10:00	12:30
12 Selva	13:45	14:15	11 Hardman	09:30	12:00
12 Stoner	13:15	13:45	11 Kunnassery	11:30	14:00
			11 Nuezca	12:00	14:30
			11 Patel	11:00	13:30
			11 Wylie-Carrick	09:00	11:30

Tuesday 9th March – Year 10	Wednesday 10th March – Year 9
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Form	Start	Finish	Form	Start	Finish
10 Connett	11:30	14:00	9 Belgrave	12:00	14:30
10 Lewis	10:30	13:00	9 Bunker	11:00	13:30
10 Mepani	11:00	13:30	9 Dhillon	09:00	11:30
10 Storey	12:00	14:30	9 Green	12:30	15:00
10 Suleman	09:30	12:00	9 McDonough	09:30	12:00
10 Taylor	09:00	11:30	9 Nelson-Okrafor	10:30	13:00
10 Tiller	10:00	12:30	9 V Sharp	10:00	12:30
			9 Wanasingha	11:30	14:00
Thursday 11th March – Year 8			Friday 12th March – Year 7		
Form	Start	Finish	Form	Start	Finish
8 Benmehdia	10:00	12:30	7 D Sharp	12:30	15:00
8 Goswami	12:00	14:30	7 Denteh	11:30	14:00
8 Hayden-Baptiste	10:30	13:00	7 Foreman	09:00	11:30
8 Iqbal	09:00	11:30	7 Head	09:30	12:00
8 Jere	11:00	13:30	7 Kennard	10:00	12:30
8 Nicholson	09:30	12:00	7 Monroe	10:30	13:00
8 Organ	12:30	15:00	7 Uppal	11:00	13:30
8 Walder	11:30	14:00	7 Whelan	12:00	14:30

Here is the full return to school schedule.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Years 11 and 12	Test and induction only	Normal lessons in school	Normal lessons in school	Normal lessons in school	Normal lessons in school
Year 10	Online lessons	Test and induction only	Normal lessons in school	Normal lessons in school	Normal lessons in school

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 9	Online lessons	Online lessons	Test and induction only	Normal lessons in school	Normal lessons in school
Year 8	Online lessons	Online lessons	Online lessons	Test and induction only	Normal lessons in school
Year 7	Online lessons	Online lessons	Online lessons	Online lessons	Test and induction only

2. Make sure your child has their uniform clean and ready for their first day. And they have all their equipment, school bag and planner with them.

3. Please make sure your child's hair, headwear and accessories are appropriate for school and remember:

- Hair must be of a natural colour and in an appropriate, professional style
- No tramlines, Mohicans, extreme styling or hair or eyebrow designs
- Pupils are allowed to cover their head for religious or cultural reasons in academy colours only (black/purple) and without decoration or embellishment
- One single, small stud earring can be worn in each ear but no other jewellery can be worn at any time, apart from a watch
- Hair accessories must be black and modest
- No makeup, false nails or coloured nail varnish

4. Please make sure you have given consent for your child to have their rapid flow covid test in school. Please watch [our video](#) to understand how this test will work. This will help us keep our community safe and give you the peace of mind knowing that your child is not carrying the virus. If you have not done so already please give your consent [here](#).

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5. Please make sure your child has completed the very latest tasks and assignments their teachers have set this week so that when they return to lessons next week they are ready to go!

Finally, this week the government announced that parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles. Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

For more information about tests for adults in your households, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm. Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

Take care,

Ms Curtis

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