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Ark Boulton Academy

25th February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Parental consent to national mass testing of COVID – 19

As we prepare to reopen our school to all our students, it is vital that we do our part in reducing transmission. I am writing to you to request your consent for your child(ren) to be tested as part of the country's initiative to stem Covid 19 transmission.

The government hopes that by introducing testing we will help to break the chains of transmission of coronavirus and start to stop the spread. The rapid testing programme in secondary schools and colleges will help to identify asymptomatic positive cases. Those who test positive will then self-isolate, helping to keep other students in face-to-face education.

The real benefits of this are that we can identify asymptomatic cases and break transmission; this, in turn, will help to protect lives.

Attached with this letter is a list of frequently asked questions about the testing programme along with our privacy notice for on-site testing. You will receive a further privacy notice and instructions regarding at home testing at a later date.

In preparation for students returning to school to continue their learning please could we ask that you provide consent using this form:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=dBTLADSljUaCn2NuzjLCTNNuu0ruCSVA1-INKCKow2ZUMkpYM1BEMDBFTjdBN1c4RUJQTTgzQ0hVSS4u>

If you wish to ask any questions, please contact the school on 0121 773 8156 or info@arkboulton.org.

Thank you for your continued support with this; together we will help to make our school an even safer place and ensure continuity of education for all our students.

A separate letter detailing the return to school for all secondary students from Monday 8th March will follow.

Yours sincerely,

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