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Ark Boulton Academy



Monday 29th November 2021

Updated Government guidance – Covid 19

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will have heard from the news over the weekend there has been a new Covid variant of concern identified, this is the Omicron strain. As a direct result of this the Government has put in place further measures to respond to the emergence of UK cases.

Further information can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/prime-minister-sets-out-new-measures-as-omicron-variant-identified-in-uk-27-november-2021>

As of today, all staff, students and visitors will be expected to wear a face covering, (unless exempt) in all communal spaces. We will provide a new face mask daily for all students. Currently this does not include classrooms but if your child feels more comfortable wearing a face covering in the classroom then this is permitted.

If you feel your child is exempt from wearing a face covering, please contact the school nurse at info@arkboulton.org

Any visitors to school will need to wear a face covering, before entering the building (unless exempt).

In addition to the wearing of face coverings all contacts of suspected Omicron cases must self-isolate regardless of their vaccination status. They will be contacted by NHS test and trace.

Covid Safety

In order to stay as safe as possible please:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

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Covid Symptoms:

Please ensure that if your child develops any Covid symptoms, Loss of taste/smell, high temperature or a new persistent cough, that you book a PCR test and remain at home until the result is known.

LFT tests are not satisfactory when identifying covid positive results. They are for asymptomatic use only. If your child does get a positive result from an LFT test, this must be followed up with a PCR test.

Please forward a copy of the result to info@arkboulton.org before your child’s return.

We will update you in due course of Government guidance changes.

Further Information

Further information is available at

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Yours sincerely

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