

"It takes a whole community, to bring up a child"



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Ark Boulton Academy



December 2021

Dear parent/carer,

With the Omicron variant and increased COVID-19 cases, the government has implemented their Plan B arrangements in England to reduce transmission.

Providing face-to-face learning to our pupils is a priority, and your child must continue to come to school unless they are unwell or are required to self-isolate by NHS Test & Trace.

As ever, our priority is the safety of pupils and staff. We have an Outbreak Management Plan to ensure we are well prepared for future changes.

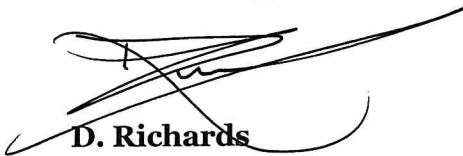
We ask students and staff to continue testing for COVID-19 using a rapid lateral flow test at least every 3-4 days. We will continue to provide tests, but you can also order and collect these from a local pharmacy. Please ensure test results are reported to both the academy and the NHS. In addition, we are now asking parents, carers, and other visitors to take a rapid lateral flow test before any visit to the school, e.g., a meeting with a staff member. Please bear this in mind before visiting the school.

We encourage you to follow Government guidance on testing over the holidays. This means taking a rapid lateral flow test any day when you will be in a high-risk environment (such as a crowded or enclosed space) or before visiting people who are at high risk of severe illness if they get COVID-19.

All secondary schools are required to provide an on-site test for pupils on return in January, and I will share more with you when we have more information.

Once again, I thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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