

14<sup>TH</sup> May 2021

Dear parent/carer,

The Prime Minister has confirmed guidance changes as Coronavirus cases continue to drop in England. There are several changes in this guidance, and I have outlined the key areas that affect schools, below:

From Monday 17th May, the government guidance is that students no longer have to wear face coverings at school, but they may continue to so if they wish. Staff will continue to wear them in communal areas where social distancing may not be possible.

All other protective measures such as ventilation and social distancing remain in place. We will continue with weekly home testing of staff and students with those that have consented to control infection rates.

Students aged 11 and over travelling on public transport must continue to wear a face covering throughout their journey to and from school. This face covering will not be provided by school so please ensure your child has one of their own for the journey.

Our after-school activities will continue by adhering to government guidance. This means that clubs are specific to Year group bubbles and will be taking place outdoors. Details of clubs on offer will be detailed separately.

We want to continue to keep our school as safe as possible, and there are things we should continue to do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19, do:

- 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

Let's all continue to follow the rules and look after our community. If you have any further questions please contact us at [info@arkkingsacademy.org](mailto:info@arkkingsacademy.org)

Yours sincerely



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