

Date: 14th July

Year 7 – Plans for the Autumn term

Dear Parent or Carer,

I am writing to you to welcome your child to Ark Kings Academy and set out the start of their first term with us in Year 7.

We will be welcoming your child to school on Monday 6th September. The entrance for your child will be at the side of the building, through the student gate. This opens at 8am for a prompt line up in the front courtyard at 8.25am.

Year 7 pupils will begin their time onsite with their 2 day induction that unfortunately could not be held in July due to Covid – 19.

As you may have heard from the latest government announcement, schools have been asked to deliver a mass testing programme to identify asymptomatic cases of Covid and help to reduce the spread of transmission. Those who test positive will then self-isolate, helping to keep other pupils and students in face-to-face education.

Testing is voluntary, (so your child will still be allowed to attend school even if they do not participate in testing.) However, I encourage families to consent to tests as this is the best way to reduce risk and keep everyone safe.

The testing is done via simple and quick tests, known as Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests. This will help us quickly identify students and staff who are not displaying any symptoms but who might be transmitting and spreading the virus unknowingly.

All Students taking the test will be supervised by trained staff. Lateral flow tests are quick and easy to undertake, using a nose and throat swab. Results (which are 30 minutes from testing) will be shared directly with your child. We will let you and your child know if they test positive.

Once students have been tested twice during their first week in school, they will be given home test kits for regular, twice-weekly testing at home. Students will need to carry out twice weekly testing at home (three to four days apart) before coming into school.

Testing will be from 8.30 am on Monday 6th September with the second test on Thursday 9th September.

Consent

As a parent or carer of a student under 16 years old, we need your consent for the test to be taken. We will be writing to you again on 2nd September to ask you for consent for this testing programme. At the moment this letter is for information only.

If you wish to ask any questions, please contact the school on 0121 459 4451 or info@arkkingsacademy.org and we will try to answer your query.

Yours sincerely



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