



7th December 2021

Dear All Parents and Carers,

COVID update

We are approaching the last two weeks of term and I am sure that we all want to keep the Covid rates in our school community as low as possible. As you can see from the figures below the number of students who are testing positive for Covid in a ten-day period is increasing, especially in year 9. We have already communicated to you that face coverings are to be worn at both Helenswood and William Parker campus' and we continue to request that lateral flow testing is done at least three times weekly (Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday).

If you have a positive lateral flow test result, please ensure you have a confirmatory PCR test as soon as possible <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test> or call 119 (Lines are open 7am-11pm). Please ensure you keep the school informed of POSITIVE results (covid@arkalexandra.org).

<u>Year group</u>	<u>Confirmatory PCR test result</u>	<u>Lateral flow test result</u>
7	1	8
8	6	9
9	10	8
10	6	11
11	2	4
12	1	0
13	3	0

Mass Testing in January

The Government has requested that schools have another cycle of mass COVID testing on the school site when the students return to school in January. We have an INSET day on **Tuesday 4th January**, and we intend to use this as a mass testing day to minimise the disruption to student learning. *Further information about this will be sent to parents/carers next week.*

I urge all parents to make arrangements so that as many students as possible can be tested on Tuesday 4th January. We will all have been visiting family and friends over the Christmas period and the testing will help to keep the school community as safe as possible at the moment.

Yours faithfully,

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