



Dear all Parents and Carers,

We write to advise you and update you with the latest positive COVID tests in our school community.

Further to the information already shared with you this week regarding year group positive COVID tests, we now know the following;

**Year 7** – we now have three students who have confirmed PCR positive test results. We identified ‘close contact’ students, and those isolating from Tuesday 29th are due to return to school on **Friday 9th July**. For those Yr7 students who then identified as ‘close contact’ and sent home to isolate on Thursday 1st July, they are due to return to school on **Monday 12th July**.

**Year 8** – we have one confirmed positive LFT test result and are waiting for the confirmatory PCR result. We identified ‘close contact’ students, and they are isolating. Return to school is **Monday 12th July**.

**Year 9** – we closed the year group bubble on Monday 28th June (pm) because, at that time, we had three confirmed lateral flow tests. We spoke to Public Health England, and they asked us to identify ‘close contact’ students in school last Thursday 24th and Friday 25th. This close contact list was too large to avoid the decision to close the year group bubble. This morning (Friday 2nd July), we now have eleven positive PCR test results for Year 9. Therefore, the decision to close the year group bubble to self-isolate was the right decision to prevent the further spread of the virus and protect students, staff and their families. Year 9 students, isolating, are due to return to school **Friday 9th July**.

**Year 10** – as of today (Friday 2nd July), we now have five confirmed PCR positive results. In addition, we have contacted students in year 10 who have been identified as ‘close contact’, and they are now self-isolating. Students are due to return to school **Friday 9th July**.

Remote learning will continue for year 9 students, and they should follow their timetable as usual. (For support with MS Teams, ShowMyHomework or other learning tools and to track your child’s curriculum, please visit our Digital Strategy page at: <https://arkalexandra.org/digital-strategy>)

Year 7, 8 and year 10 students self-isolating will have work set on ShowMyHomework (SMHW).

After frequent discussions this week with Public Health England and our local authority Health Team, I attach an information sheet regarding testing whilst isolating. It is now recommended that anyone self-isolating gets a confirmatory PCR test.

Even if you receive a **NEGATIVE PCR** result, you will still need to continue to self-isolate if you have been identified as ‘close contact’.

The school remains open as usual for all students unless informed to self-isolate.

Regards,  
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