



8<sup>th</sup> February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please find the COVID infections update, as of today, below (last week in brackets);

Year group	Positive LFTs	% of the Year group
7	19 (25)	6.5%
8	11 (15)	4.1%
9	3 (8)	1%
10	11 (15)	3.9%
11	6 (6)	2.7%
6 <sup>th</sup> Form	0 (1)	0%
STAFF	10 (4)	6.7%

Therefore, we have decided:

- At the William Parker Campus – **Years 9, 10, 11** and **Sixth Form** to continue wearing face coverings in corridors and social areas.
- At the Helenswood Campus – **Year 7&8** to continue wearing face coverings in corridors and social areas inside. **Year 7**, no longer need to wear masks in classrooms.

I take this opportunity to thank students for complying with our request to continue to wear face coverings. I do feel this is helping to assist with the decrease in cases over the past few weeks particularly where we have seen rises in some year groups. The omicron variant is still a severe illness for anyone not fully vaccinated, especially for your loved ones over 50 years old.

Please continue to test throughout the half term break and advise the school of any positive lateral flow results ([covid@arkalexandra.org](mailto:covid@arkalexandra.org)). We will continue to monitor COVID cases as we prepare to return for Term 4 w/c Mondy 21<sup>st</sup> February. Students will be coming home on Thursday this week with a box of lateral flow kits to ensure you have sufficient kits available to continue testing (2-3 times weekly).

With kind regards,

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