



Dear parents and carers

We hope you have had a good Easter and your children have had a chance to enjoy some of this lovely weather and to have a good rest in anticipation of a (hopefully) full summer term.

We thought it would be useful for you to have a few handy reminders before the return to school on Monday:

Face coverings:

The government recommend that secondary school children in England continue to wear face coverings whilst at school. As such, students at Ark Alexandra **will need to wear face coverings in lessons and corridors**. We know Covid-19 is airborne, and this precaution helps to prevent the spread of the disease. It is expected that face coverings will no longer be required to be worn in classrooms, or by students in other communal areas, at step 3 of the roadmap, which will be no earlier than May 17th. At that point the next stage of easements, including increased social contact indoors, will be confirmed following a review of the latest data on infection and vaccination rates. **Please ensure your son/daughter brings a mask and two spares, kept in a plastic bag, into school every day.**

Lateral flow tests:

Students should continue to self-administer lateral flow tests twice a week at home, again in line with government guidance. You can order tests online from www.gov.uk using this [link](#). The kits, which come in boxes of 7, are free of charge and arrive within a couple of days to your home address. At this point we are unsure if we will receive any further bulk supplies for school distribution now that the national online ordering service is operational.

Uniform:

Students should arrive at school smartly in their **full school uniform**. On days when your son/daughter has PE, they should attend school **in their PE kit, with their blazer**, as we are still not able to use the changing facilities.

After school clubs:

These will start in the second week of term, **week beginning 26th April 2021**.

Year 11 and Year 13 assessments:

These assessments, which form part of this year's final assessed grades, will take place in the first four weeks of term. We wish all Year 11 and 13 students the very best of luck and know they will do brilliantly. We expect all other year groups to show their support by keeping quiet near assessment areas and following the rules.

We have all done so well in pulling together and working as a community during these unprecedented times. Here at Ark Alexandra, we want to do all we can to ensure we get to the end



of the lockdown restrictions on June 21st as smoothly as possible. Your support has been so appreciated and I ask that all of us: students, parents and staff, carry on working together positively for this final push.

With warm regards,

Liam Collins
Principal