



# Ark Tindal Primary Academy

5<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is wonderful to think that after so many weeks apart we will be welcoming everyone back to school on Monday! We know that school is the best place for children to be and the staff have been working hard over the past few weeks to ensure that our return to school is a safe and happy one for everyone.

We appreciate that this may be both an exciting and concerning time for you and your children, so I am writing to outline the steps we will be taking to help to ensure the ongoing safety of everyone in our school community. Please read this information carefully and if you have any questions, contact the Academy Office or email your child's year group email account.

We have made a video which will be going sent to you shortly to explain the following arrangements:

## **Mornings:**

- School will reopen to all pupils on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.
- Both the Cromer Road and Nursery Avenue gates will be open from 8:40am – 8:55am for pupils to come into school.
- Reception and Nursery parents and carers who are bringing their children into school via Cromer Road will need to wait until the majority of pupils are taken into the school buildings before crossing the playground to reach the Early Years classrooms.
- Masks must be worn by parents and carers coming on to the playground.
- Pupils' hands will be sanitized upon entry to the building.
- Breakfast Club will reopen on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

## **Afternoons:**

- We request that only one parent or carer collects children at home time to minimize the number of adults coming into school.
- Whilst waiting for gates to open, please socially distance from other families who are waiting.
- Masks must be worn by parents and carers coming on to the playground.
- When in the playground, please stay behind the barriers that are placed by the lines to ensure social distancing from staff and other children. If you need to speak to a teacher, rather than doing so on the playground, please e-mail the year group account or call the office to make an appointment.
- As soon as you have collected your child/children, please leave the site promptly to ensure everyone's safety and avoid groups forming on the playground.
- The Academy will continue to close at 12 noon on Wednesday afternoons to ensure that deep cleaning can take place mid-week.

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## **Don't forget:**

From 8<sup>th</sup> March, you should still be staying at home and not mixing with anyone outside of your household, including family members living in other houses. You may leave home for recreation and exercise outdoors with people in your household or support bubble, if you are eligible for one, or with one person from outside your household.

## **Main symptoms of COVID-19 (coronavirus):**

- A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

## **What to do if you, your child or anyone in your household and/or support bubble have 1 or more of these symptoms:**

- Do not send your child into school.
- Get a test to check if the person showing symptoms has coronavirus as soon as possible.
- You and anyone you live with should stay at home and not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.
- Anyone in your support bubble should also stay at home if you have been in close contact with them since your symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started.
- Please call the Academy Office to let us know that you are self-isolating due to someone having COVID symptoms.
- If your child tests positive for COVID-19, please let us know as soon as possible, as this will mean that we need to close the child's year group bubble and ask the children in that bubble to self-isolate as well.

We feel so fortunate that our school community is so supportive of the measures we have put in place to keep everyone safe and we thank you in advance for your continued support over the next few weeks. We look forward to seeing everyone next week!

With best wishes,

Mrs Eaton  
Headteacher