



As you will know, the Government has been carefully considering what action to take in response to the increasing number of cases of Coronavirus across the country. Whilst we have had **no confirmed cases in pupils or staff at the Academy**, it is understandable that parents and carers will be concerned about their children coming to school at this time. We will continue to follow the guidance provided by Public Health England, but the school remains open as normal. Please check government guidance regarding self-isolation and make this decision for your child. Please remember the school will always work in the best interest of your child. We understand that you are worried about the Coronavirus, however, there is no need to become aggressive or disrespectful to the staff of the academy; this behaviour will not be tolerated.

Home Study Packs

Yesterday, home study packs were sent home for each year group. These are to be used if self-isolating, or in the event of school closure. Teachers have also assigned a range of activities on Mathletics for your child to access. Please continue to check the school website for any further updates. If you need any support with your child's learning at home, please contact the year group lead using the email addresses listed below:

- ⇒ Nursery— T.Nursery@arktindalprimary.org
- ⇒ Reception—T.Reception1@arktindalprimary.org
- ⇒ Year 1—T.Year1@arktindalprimary.org
- ⇒ Year 2—T.Year2@arktindalprimary.org
- ⇒ Year 3—T.Year3@arktindalprimary.org
- ⇒ Year 4—T.Year4@arktindalprimary.org
- ⇒ Year 5—T.Year5@arktindalprimary.org
- ⇒ Year 6—T.Year6@arktindalprimary.org

Hygiene practices

We have put in place a number of temporary measures to ensure that we are following best practice, including additional handwashing and sanitising and restriction of visitors into school. Please encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and follow normal hygiene procedures, like coughing into the elbow or using a tissue when sneezing, putting tissues in the bin and washing hands with soap and water afterwards for at least 20 seconds (the same amount of time as singing the Happy Birthday song through twice).



Trips and visits

The Government hasn't said that school trips should be restricted or cancelled. However, as a precaution and due to concerns expressed by some parents and carers, we have taken the difficult decision to postpone all trips which have been arranged up until the Easter holidays and will be rearranging these for another time. For those parents who have paid for the trips that were due to take place, we will refund your payments via schoolmoney, or if you owe dinner money for your child, the amount will be used to pay the debt. Our normal swimming lessons on Thursday for Year 3 will also be cancelled until after the Easter holidays.



Parent/ Carer and teacher meetings

Drop in sessions will not be taking place before Easter, with the exception of Year 6, for whom parents/carers meetings will still take place. Parent / Carer coffee mornings and assemblies and workshops for parents and carers to attend have also been postponed from now until Easter.



Easter events

Unfortunately we will be cancelling our planned Easter activities but we look forward to other events coming up in the Summer Term.

School Crossing Patrol

Unfortunately there will be no school crossing patrol at the corner of Cromer Road and Tindal Street this week - please take extra care when crossing this busy road and keep your children close to you at all times.



Children collected late

There has recently been an increase in children collected late, both at the end of school and following after school clubs. Please remember that you need to be here promptly to collect your child - being collected late can be upsetting, especially for younger children and places an additional burden upon staff who have to supervise.

Coronavirus guidance on seeking help and reporting a child off sick

We ask you to continue to keep up to date with advice from the NHS <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/> and the government <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public>

The symptoms of coronavirus are:

- A new and continuous cough
- High temperature
- Shortness of breath

These are also symptoms of other illnesses that are much more common, such as a cold or flu, so you may have these symptoms without the cause being coronavirus.

How to avoid catching or spreading coronavirus:

Do

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- always wash your hands when you get home or arrive at work
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin straight away and wash your hands afterwards
- try to avoid close contact with people who are unwell

Don't

- do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth if your hands are not clean

If you are worried that your child may have been exposed to the virus, it is vitally important that you do not go to the doctor or the hospital; you need to call NHS 111 who will advise you on what to do.

It is also vital that you let the school know immediately if you have been told that your child could be at risk of having Coronavirus. If NHS 111 has said that your child must stay at home, then they must not come to school. We will make sure that they can keep up with their studies if they have to away from school. Pupils have access to a number of online learning programmes which can be accessed via the Academy website. Please encourage them to try to log in to these over the next few days so that if they have any problems accessing the packages they can tell their teacher.

If your child is not able to come into school, please call the Office before 8:40am and give your child's name, class, symptoms and let us know whether you have contacted 111 and what they advised you to do.



Safeguarding Information

Our Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all of its pupils. We believe that everyone has an important part to play in child protection. If you have any concerns about the wellbeing or safety of any child, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Leads, Miss Francis, Mrs Mockbil, Mr Gordon or Miss Saboor. For your information, and the Local Authority Designated Officers (LADOs) are Nora Malik, Salma Shabir and Tracey Johnson. Our Safeguarding Policy is available on the Academy website.