



# Ark Charter Academy

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are sure that many of you will have already heard the news that yesterday the Government announced there will be a staggered return to school for secondary students at the start of term in January, you can read the full information [here](#). As we are sure you can appreciate, we have not had much time to prepare for this, so we ask in advance for your patience while we work through the new arrangements.

We have summarised what we do know below, including the expectations for all students for the start of the new term.

### Start of term arrangements

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January** will remain as INSET days and school will be closed to all students.

Students in Year 11, those who are classed as vulnerable and children of critical workers will return to school on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January**.

All other year groups will start the term learning remotely at home, and we will set out how this will be managed on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January** to remind you how to find learning resources and access online platforms.

Years 7-10 students will return to Ark Charter Academy site on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January** for face-to-face teaching.

Below are the arrangements for the start back of term

	Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan
<b>Year 11</b>	INSET Day	INSET Day	<b>In school</b>			All students in school
<b>Year 10</b>			At home - remote learning			
<b>Year 9</b>			At home - remote learning			
<b>Year 8</b>			At home - remote learning			
<b>Year 7</b>			At home - remote learning			
	School closed to all students	School closed to all students				

We will write to you with full details of the arrangements for your son/daughter, including details of how coronavirus testing will operate on site on 4<sup>th</sup> January.

### Vulnerable or critical worker children

If your child is classified as vulnerable or you are a critical worker, **your child is expected to attend school from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January**. Parents of students eligible under the vulnerable or critical worker groups will be contacted on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January to set out how this will be managed. Please contact the school on [reception@charteracademy.org.uk](mailto:reception@charteracademy.org.uk) if you believe your child is eligible and the school is not aware.



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## Testing

This staggered start will support the Government's plan to roll out mass COVID-19 testing for staff and students in secondary schools across England to stop the virus spreading.

As you are aware, we sent you a letter earlier today regarding our participation in the Hampshire and IOW COVID-19 saliva testing programme. As stated, we will send out more information to you as it becomes available.

Please remember that if your child/children display any of the COVID-19 symptoms, you must not send them to school. You must arrange for them to have a test, please visit the [NHS](#) website for information. This is vitally important as it ensures that our staff and students stay as safe as they can be.

We are sorry that this news comes so close to the Christmas break and we want to thank you again for all the support you have given the school over the last few months. Please remember that if your child/children display any COVID-19 symptoms over the holidays, you should arrange for them to have a test. If your child tests positive for COVID-19 before 23<sup>rd</sup> December, please contact Mrs F Chapman on [f.chapman@charteracademy.org.uk](mailto:f.chapman@charteracademy.org.uk) or 07973 142203, who will be available between 10am-2pm each day and will go through the usual contact tracing protocols that Charter Academy have been following.

We hope you and your family have a restful and enjoyable festive break. We will write to you with more information on 4<sup>th</sup> January.

Kind regards

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