

Principal: Delia Smith OBE

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Dear Parents/Carers



### Re-Opening of Ark Academy to students from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021

We are really looking forward to having all our students back next week.

As you are aware, in order to ensure the safest return possible, we are testing all students, with consent, with lateral flow tests, before they start face to face teaching.

- Lateral flow testing is simple, quick and not invasive. It consists simply of a student taking a swab of their nostril or throat.
- This is then tested in school in solution by our staff nothing is sent off to a third party. The only information that is sent off to the NHS is whether the test is positive or negative.
- Of course, any student testing positive will be sent home to isolate for 10 days.

We are, in effect, an NHS testing site and I am extremely grateful to the large number of Ark Academy staff who have stepped forward to support the safest and speediest return of all students to school.

We are required to test every student with consent three times over the first two weeks. This requires considerable organisation and significant amount of staff support. We considered many ways of implementing this huge logistical challenge and have concluded that the simplest way to do this is to:-

- **Have all students Years 7-13 return on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March** for a lateral flow test followed by a tutor session which will enable students to have time with their tutor and be supported back to school.
- After approximately two hours in school students will go home.
- There will be three separate testing venues, one for post 16, one for KS4 and one for KS3. With 1250 students in secondary this will require students to come to school at staggered times throughout the day.
- I attach the time for each year group at the end of this letter. So please ensure you child knows at exactly what time they need to arrive and that they **arrive promptly at this time**.
- Students must attend in **full school uniform** and bring their planner, pen and a reading book. We would also like to ask them to bring a data enabled mobile phone. This is not essential but would speed up the registration process.



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- All students are required to wear a mask in the school building and classrooms.
- There will be no teaching in school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. However, classwork will be set for students as they will have approximately half a day at home.

This means we will have tested all students once on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. **On Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March all year groups from Year 7 – 13 will have lessons in school**, following their normal school timetable from the autumn term (timings of school day attached).

**On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March** there will be two further lateral flow testing days, after which students will return home to complete classwork set for them.

After which, hopefully, normal school lessons will resume until the Easter holidays which start on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April**.

Can I remind all parents/carers that **school attendance for all students is mandatory from March 8<sup>th</sup>**.

If you have any further queries regarding your child's return to school, please contact their head of year.

Can I reassure you that we have taken every precaution possible and prepared our school very carefully for the return of our students. We are excited about their return to school based learning and to ensure they are safe and happy in school.

My best wishes



**Delia Smith**  
**Principal**

# Arrival Time for Lateral Flow Testing

Monday 8<sup>th</sup>, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## KS3 Venue: Sport Hall

From Group	Arrival time
7 Adichie	08:20
7 Austen	08:20
7 Dickens	08:20
7 Mahfouz	09:20
7 Marquez	09:20
7 Morrison	09:20
7 Smith	10:20
7 Tolstoy	10:20

From Group	Arrival time
8 Schumann	10:20
8 Elgar	11:20
8 Holst	11:20
8 Holliday	11:20
8 Gershwin	12:20
8 Boulanger	12:20
8 Spalding	12:20
8 Ellington	13:20

From Group	Arrival time
9 Hockney	13:20
9 Kahlo	13:20
9 Kapoor	14:20
9 Kruger	14:20
9 Lichtenstein	14:20
9 Odutola	15:20
9 Picasso	15:20
9 Shonibare	15:20

## KS4 Venue: Main Hall

From Group	Arrival time
10 Annan	12:20
10 Einstein	12:20
10 Gyatso	13:20
10 Mandela	13:20
10 Obama	14:20
10 Roosevelt	14:20
10 Teresa	15:20
10 Tutu	15:20

From Group	Arrival time
11 Craig	08:20
11 Ejiofor	08:20
11 Lestor	09:20
11 Mirren	09:20
11 Nyongo	10:20
11 Rylance	10:20
11 Watson	11:20
11 Winslet	11:20

## KS5 Venue: Sixth Form Hall

From Group	Arrival time
12 Kremer	08:20
12 Mukwege	08:20
12 Thunberg	09:20
12 Tubman	09:20
12 Weiwei	10:20
12 Yousafzai	10:20

From Group	Arrival time
13 Ainsworth	11:20
13 Loftus	11:20
13 Oakley	12:20
13 Jahoda	12:20
13 Merton	13:20
13 Cooley	13:20

# Timings of the School Day

For return to lessons Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021

KS3 Timetable							
Monday - Thursday				Friday			
Start	Finish	Duration		Start	Finish	Duration	
8.15	8.20	<b>00:05</b>	Line Up	8.15	8.20	<b>00:05</b>	Line Up
08:25	09:20	<b>00:55</b>	P1	08:25	09:20	<b>00:55</b>	P1
09:20	10:15	<b>00:55</b>	P2	09:20	10:15	<b>00:55</b>	P2
10:15	10:40	<b>00:25</b>	Break	10:15	10:40	<b>00:25</b>	Break
10:40	11.10	<b>00:30</b>	Tutor time	10:40	11:35	<b>00:55</b>	PSHE (P3)
11:10	12:05	<b>00:55</b>	P3	11:35	12:30	<b>00:55</b>	P4
12:05	13:00	<b>00:55</b>	P4	12:30	13:25	<b>00:55</b>	Lunch
13:00	13:55	<b>00:55</b>	Lunch	13:25	14:20	<b>00:55</b>	P5
13:55	14:50	<b>00:55</b>	P5	14:20	15:15	<b>00:55</b>	P6
14:50	15:45	<b>00:55</b>	P6				

KS4 Timetable							
Monday – Thursday				Friday			
Start	Finish	Duration		Start	Finish	Duration	
8.20	8.25	<b>00:05</b>	Line Up	8.20	8.25	<b>00:05</b>	Line Up
08:25	09:20	<b>00:55</b>	P1	08:25	09:20	<b>00:55</b>	P1
09:20	10:15	<b>00:55</b>	P2	09:20	10:15	<b>00:55</b>	P2
10:15	10:45	<b>00:30</b>	Tutor time	10:15	11:10	<b>00:55</b>	PSHE (P3)
10:45	11:10	<b>00.25</b>	Break	11:10	11:35	<b>00.25</b>	Break
11:10	12:05	<b>00:55</b>	P3	11:35	12:30	<b>00:55</b>	P4
12:05	13:00	<b>00:55</b>	P4	12:30	13:25	<b>00:55</b>	P5
13.00	13:55	<b>00:55</b>	P5	13:25	14:20	<b>00:55</b>	Lunch
13:55	14:50	<b>00:55</b>	Lunch	14:20	15:15	<b>00:55</b>	P6
14:50	15:45	<b>00:55</b>	P6				
15:45	16:40	<b>00:55</b>	P7, Enrichment or Study Support				

## KS5 Timetable

Monday - Thursday				Friday			
<i>Start</i>	<i>Finish</i>	<i>Duration</i>		<i>Start</i>	<i>Finish</i>	<i>Duration</i>	
08:20	08:25	<b>00:05</b>	Arrive in your school and straight to lesson	08:20	08:25	<b>00:05</b>	Arrive in your school and straight to lesson
08:25	09:20	<b>00:55</b>	P1	08:25	09:20	<b>00:55</b>	P1
09:20	10:15	<b>00:55</b>	P2	09:20	10:15	<b>00:55</b>	P2
10:15	10:40	<b>00:25</b>	Tutor Time	10:15	10:40	<b>00:25</b>	P3-PSHE
10:40	11.10	<b>00.30</b>	BREAK	10:40	11.35	<b>00.55</b>	BREAK
11.10	12:05	<b>00:55</b>	P3	11.35	12:30	<b>00:55</b>	P4
12:05	13:00	<b>00:55</b>	P4	12:30	13:25	<b>00:55</b>	P5
13.00	13:55	<b>00:55</b>	LUNCH	13.25	14:20	<b>00:55</b>	LUNCH
13:55	14.50	<b>00:55</b>	P5	14:20	15.15	<b>00:55</b>	P6
14:50	15:45	<b>00:55</b>	P6				
15:45	16:40	<b>00:55</b>	P7				