



# Ark Burlington Danes Academy

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## Coronavirus symptoms

Dear parent/carers,

I am writing to you to reiterate the policy that we have to follow with respect to students with symptoms of coronavirus.

We have to follow the government guidance and our own risk assessment to ensure that we maintain the health and safety of students, staff and parents. This means that if a member of staff identifies that a child has coronavirus symptoms they have to be sent home. We are not able to judge whether the symptoms are just a common cold or coronavirus symptoms and staff have been advised to always be on the side of caution. This is especially the case with a cough or high temperature, we simply cannot afford to take any risk

I would like to remind you of the government advice that anyone in a child's family home becomes unwell with any COVID-19 symptoms including a new continuous cough, high temperature or loss of smell and taste, under no circumstances should your child be sent into school. You should follow the government advice around testing and self-isolation immediately. This is essential in protecting the health of other students, parents and staff.

The staff at the school understand the difficulty and strain that it puts on a family when we have to send home a child because they have symptoms. We also appreciate the difficulties with getting a coronavirus test, but unfortunately there is limited help we can provide for parents with this and we need to follow the regulations we have been given.

As you may be aware we have been provided with a small number of tests but we need to keep these for key staff so that if any of them were to require a test we can perform this quickly and ensure that the school can remain open. Losing a number of key staff would potentially have a greater impact on the education of the entire school community. With this in mind we will not be able to provide testing kits for parents.

If your child has been sent home please liaise with your Head of Year in the Secondary or a member of the leadership team in Primary to make sure that you have access to the work that they should be completing at home.

I would like to thank you in advance for your support with this.

Yours sincerely,

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