



# Ark John Archer Primary Academy

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## Keeping AJA Safe!

Dear Parents, Carers & AJA Families

I wanted to first of all thank you for sending your children into school this morning – rather different weather to what we have been having this week! We are busy drying a lot of the children's clothes, socks and shoes but they all came in in great spirits! Thank you for being so supportive and bringing them in safely.

I just wanted to mention the number of cases of the Delta Variant is on the rise in our Local Authority. I am getting news that many of the secondary schools are reporting an increase in the number of positive cases and this may have an effect on younger siblings attending the school. I am not sending this letter to alarm you or to worry you, it is more the case of the need to ensure that we continue to work together to ensure our children, the staff and the community continue to keep safe.

We have been really fortunate that we have had no bubbles bursting/classes close in our school – that is because we are all following the guidance and the children have all formed great habits in keeping their hands clean especially after sneezing and coughing. If we continue to do this then I know we will continue to keep this school safe and well.

Please can we all make sure that we are continuing to follow the guidance and keep each other safe especially at the start and end of the day. If your child feels unwell in the morning, please do contact us and we can give you advice on next steps. Coughs and colds are very much around at the moment but we cannot dismiss any temperature and we need to be cautious over the next few weeks.

I know that we will continue to work together as a school and local community to face any challenge that is presented to us. I cannot thank you all enough for your support – you are an exceptional community.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or queries. Many thanks again.

**Best Wishes**

*Moira Cruddas*

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***Together As One***

# The process:

What happens if a child or staff member shows symptoms of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).



If a child/staff member or someone they live with displays symptoms **at home**, they must not come to school.



If a child/staff member displays symptoms **at school**, we will send them home along with their sibling/s (or any other children who live in the same home).



They must have a test as soon as possible to see if they have the virus.  
**They'll have to stay at home until they have their results.**



If a child or member of staff has a positive test they need to isolate for 10 days from the onset of symptoms.  
If a child or member of staff has a unclear test they need to get a retest till they get a clear result and continue isolating for 10 days from the onset of symptoms.  
**They should only return to school at the end of the isolation period if they do not have symptoms other than a cough or loss of smell or taste and as long as no one else in their household has tested positive, in which case they must continue their self-isolation until the end of that person's 10 day isolation period.**



If a child tests negative and if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they just have a cough or changes to sense of smell or taste – these can last for weeks after the infection has gone. **They should contact the school and can stop self-isolating and return to school.**



We'll send a letter to let you know that someone in your child's bubble has tested positive for Coronavirus.  
**For primaries, this will mean sending the whole bubble home. Everyone in that bubble will then have to self-isolate for 10 days. For secondaries, those who have been in 'close contact' with the infected person will need to be sent home and asked to self-isolate for 10 days.**  
If anyone sent home starts to develop symptoms, they should get a test for Coronavirus and let us know the outcome.



Pupils who are isolating will have access to remote provision so that they can continue to learn remotely



We'll make sure the classroom has a deep clean and we'll send you a letter confirming when the bubble can return.