

28 May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

**RE: Changes to COVID Secure Restrictions at the Academy**

I trust that you and your families are safe and well. As lockdown eases, I wanted to share some important reminders so that you and your families have a safe half-term break.

**COVID-19 Lateral Flow Testing Over Half-Term**

Please can students continue taking a rapid COVID-19 lateral flow test twice a week and most especially please test before returning to the Academy on Tuesday 8 June 2021. The result of a rapid test could be positive, negative or even void. But whatever it is, it should be reported straight away, every time. Reporting results is easy. Go to [report a COVID-19 lateral flow test result](#) and also notify the school [here](#)

**COVID-19 Contact Tracing**

Where pupils, students or staff test positive for COVID-19 during half-term, having developed symptoms more than 2 days since being in school or college, no action is needed. Staff, young people, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace. **However**, where pupils, students or staff test positive having developed symptoms within 2 days of being in school, please inform the Academy by emailing [contacttracing@stmarks.anthemtrust.uk](mailto:contacttracing@stmarks.anthemtrust.uk) We will ask you to assist in identifying close contacts and advise on self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school.

**EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS)**

On Tuesday 1 June, there will be only 30 days to go until the deadline of 30 June 2021 for applications to be made to the EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS). All EU, EEA and Swiss citizens and their family members who were resident in the UK by 31 December 2020, should apply without delay at [www.gov.uk/eusettlementscheme](http://www.gov.uk/eusettlementscheme) so that you can continue to work, study, and access free healthcare and benefits in the UK after 30 June 2021. There's [more information on this here on GOV.UK](#). Further information is provided in this [leaflet](#) and [FAQs](#). Organisations providing additional guidance is available [here](#) and other resources are available [here](#)

**INSET Day**

Please remember that Monday 7 June is INSET day. The school will be closed to students. All students will return on Tuesday 8 June 2021.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you as parents, carers and especially to our students for continuing to uphold our values of love, hope and trust during these challenging times.

Yours faithfully,



Hannah Fahey  
Principal

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