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RE: COVID, INSET days and Queens platinum Jubilee

Dear parents/carers,

In line with government advice, we have reintroduced face coverings in all communal spaces within the school. At the moment, there is no expectation for face coverings to be worn in classrooms unless students choose to. If your child uses public transport, then it is also expected that a face covering is worn whilst using this service. If a student is medically exempt, they will be given a red lanyard to wear. We would encourage you to continue testing twice a week at home and to follow all other guidance regarding hands, face and space.

You may have also seen over the weekend that there will be a return to on-site testing for students when they return after the Christmas break. We will issue further information on this, once plans have been finalised; and in addition, confirm arrangements for the end of term.

As a reminder and as outlined in our school calendar, there is an INSET day this Friday 3rd December where students will not be required to attend school. We would also like to remind you of all our INSET days this academic year. All other important dates/events can be found on our website here: [Events Archive - Arena Academy \(corearena.academy\)](https://www.corearena.academy/events-archive)

Friday 3rd December 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Monday 28th February 2022

Monday 9th May 2022

To mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, there is to be an additional public holiday on Friday 3rd June 2022. This date falls within the half term break, so schools have been asked to allocate an alternative day off within term time instead. We have therefore selected Friday 18th February 2022. This is the Friday before the half term break. There is a staff INSET day on Monday 28th February, so we will be welcoming students back to school on Tuesday 1st March 2022.

Yours sincerely,

R Mann
Headteacher