



SPARKEN HILL ACADEMY

22 January 2024

Dear Parents / Carers

We have taken the decision to cancel indoor clubs tonight because we have seen a rise in the number of positive Covid cases.

Strictly, Government Policy now cites that pupils who test positive no longer have to self-isolate and need to be absent from school only if they are not well enough to be here. Conversely, adults who test positive need to follow the same 5 day self-isolation rule as before.

Today, we have three members of staff who have tested positive and two more absent colleagues who are presenting with similar symptoms (but not tested). We also have a high number of pupils who are absent with Covid-like symptoms.

Consequently, we have taken the decision to cancel our assembly this morning and cancel our indoor clubs for tonight. **After school club is unaffected by this decision.**

This is to enable us to deep clean (and fog) affected classrooms. Once treated, we hope that these measures might limit potential spread. We are keeping the situation under very close scrutiny and will make decisions on future indoor clubs for the rest of the week on a day by day basis.

We would ask you to continue to be vigilant regarding unwell pupils and only send them to school if they are well enough to be here.

Thank you for your understanding.

Kindest regards

Mr Richard Lilley (Principal)

