

# Viking Academy Trust

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Dear Viking Parents/Carers

**Viking Academy Trust: End of Term 4 Update...** Thankfully, March has seen schools reopen for all children and a semblance of 'normality' resume for families. This welcome return to routine has allowed staff, parents and children to step back in to the familiar pattern of the school day framing the 'working week' with the weekend once more serving its intended purpose - offering a change of pace and a chance for families to spend time together.

One of lockdown's silver linings for schools – is the reminder to us all – how much of 'normal life' and daily routine we tend to take for granted. Coming to school each day – to learn, to laugh, to live amongst others beyond our immediate family – has been appreciated across the last few weeks more so than ever before.

Our classrooms have once again been filled with children immersed in learning – happy to be reunited with friends, teachers...and school pets!

Viking can now proudly boast of having three four legged friends as part of 'Team Viking' – it is my privilege to introduce you to...



**Pippa:** Chilton's 'therapy' puppy.  
She is an 8-month-old Border Terrier.



**Marlowe:** RAPS' 5-month-old labradoodle provides 'pet therapy' for the children



**Pablo...** is Upton's 3-year-old 'Chorkie' – a Yorkshire Terrier & Chihuahua cross.

Aside from adding to the 'cute and cuddly' quota, our canine friends are an integral part of Viking's 'positive mental-health' curriculum. We are fortunate to have three adorable pets that are able to have such a positive impact on our children's well-being.

Personal well-being has been at the forefront of our work this term. Ensuring all children develop the self-confidence to speak out and express their emotions, along with learning how to be a successful member of a group once again – whether that be in their friendship circle, class or school 'family' after having been apart for such an extended period of time.

## 'One Childhood, One Chance'



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Our [‘Worried?’](#) page on each school site contains helpful resources to support well-being at home as well as links to numerous sites that share information and contact details for organisations available to support children and families during these challenging times. Please do take the time to look & click on the link below:

[Chilton Worried page](#)

[RAPS Worried page](#)

[Upton Worried page](#)

[Click here](#) to watch the Parents & Carers webinar **‘Helping Parents and Carers to support children's emotional wellbeing in times of uncertainty’**

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**Covid-19 Support...** Please see below information regarding coronavirus support, including how to apply for the ‘Test & Trace Support Payment Scheme’ and registering for food vouchers across the Easter Holiday...

**Test & Trace Support Payment Scheme:** Who can apply? You might be able to get a payment of £500 if you’ve been told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace, or **you’re the parent or guardian of a child** who has been told to self-isolate. If you’re eligible for either the Test and Trace Support Payment or a discretionary payment, you’ll receive the £500 payment in addition to any benefits and Statutory Sick Pay that you receive currently.

For more information and check your eligibility, please [click here](#)

**Contact Tracing over the Easter Holiday...** To support the NHS Test and Trace process, the government has asked school leaders to be available for the first 6 days of the Easter holiday to fulfil necessary contact tracing responsibilities. **What does this mean?** This means, we ask any member of our Viking family (staff member or child) to inform Miss Arthur (Upton), Mr Budge (RAPS) or Mrs Law (Chilton) of a positive case... IF either coronavirus symptoms or a positive home LFD test occurred within 2 days of the last day of term (Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April). The school will then be required to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in their education setting.

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**Covid-19 safety measures... Lateral flow tests for families:** please read the information below...

**Testing for parents and households of staff and pupils** Parents and other adults in households with children or staff at nursery, who do not have symptoms, can now also access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles. There are [different ways](#) for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect or order their test to take at home, twice-weekly.

Testing is voluntary but **strongly recommended to all who are eligible**. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

[Click here](#) to order rapid lateral flow home test kits.

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**Easter Holiday food vouchers...** [Click here](#) for Free School Meals (FSM) information. It is not too late to apply for Free School Meals and receive food vouchers across the Easter holiday period. If you require advice and support, please do contact your child's school office.

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**Viking Holiday Club / Saturday Sport 4 All Club...** We are so pleased to be able to invite Viking families to join us across the Easter holiday. The club is based at Upton Junior School and will be available between 6<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> April. Staff from across Viking will be leading activities throughout the holiday.

Please [click here](#) for further information regarding Viking Holiday Club.

Please [click here](#) for Viking Saturday Sport 4 All Club

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**Summer Term Dates...** Term 4 finishes tomorrow and we return on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

Key Dates for your diary:

- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April: Term 5 begins
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May: Bank Holiday
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May: End of Term 5
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June: Start of Term 6 \*\*\*\* Please note this day is no longer an Inset Day\*\*\*\*
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July: End of Term 6

Viking Term Dates for 2021-2022 are now available. [Click here](#) to view - Exciting to think we may be able to plan for next year's holidays!

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**Finally...** On behalf of all at Viking, I thank you for your continued support, the compassion and kindness shown by all members of our Viking family. This past year has been a team effort – and I am humbled to lead such a dedicated group of staff and extremely proud to work in partnership with families across the Viking Academy Trust. Your children continue to amaze me on a daily basis – and it is for this very reason – in spite of all this year has thrown at us – that I believe I am privileged to do the job I do.

Wishing you a wonderful Easter holiday. Hopefully, the weather will be kind and we will be able to enjoy Thanet's beautiful coastline, as well as its many parks and open spaces.

Please continue to stay strong, stay safe and stay together – we really are nearly through this!

With my warmest wishes



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## Covid-19 Four-Step Roadmap: Steps 1 & 2:

### STEP 1

8 March

29 March

#### EDUCATION

##### 8 MARCH

- Schools and colleges open for all students
- Practical Higher Education courses

#### SOCIAL CONTACT

##### 8 MARCH

- Exercise and recreation outdoors with household or one other person
- Household only indoors

##### 29 MARCH

- Rule of 6 or two households outdoors
- Household only indoors

#### BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES

##### 8 MARCH

- Wraparound care, including sport, for all children

##### 29 MARCH

- Organised outdoor sport (children and adults)
- Outdoor sport and leisure facilities
- All outdoor children's activities
- Outdoor parent & child group (max 15 people, excluding under 5s)

#### TRAVEL

##### 8 MARCH

- Stay at home
- No holidays

##### 29 MARCH

- Minimise travel
- No holidays

#### EVENTS

- Funerals (30)
- Weddings and wakes (6)

### STEP 2

No earlier than 12 April

At least 5 weeks after Step 1

#### EDUCATION

- As previous step

#### SOCIAL CONTACT

- Rule of 6 or two households outdoors
- Household only indoors

#### BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES

- All retail
- Personal care
- Libraries & community centres
- Most outdoor attractions
- Indoor leisure inc. gyms (individual use only)
- Self-contained accommodation
- All children's activities
- Outdoor hospitality
- Indoor parent & child groups (max 15 people, excluding under 5s)

#### TRAVEL

- Domestic overnight stays (household only)
- No international holidays

#### EVENTS

- Funerals (30)
- Weddings, wakes, receptions (15)
- Event pilots

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## Covid-19 Four-Step Roadmap: Steps 3 & 4:

### STEP 3

No earlier than 17 May

At least 5 weeks after Step 2

#### EDUCATION

- As previous step

#### SOCIAL CONTACT

- Maximum 30 people outdoors
- Rule of 6 or two households indoors (subject to review)

#### BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES

- Indoor hospitality
- Indoor entertainment and attractions
- Organised indoor sport (adult)
- Remaining accommodation
- Remaining outdoor entertainment (including performances)

#### TRAVEL

- Domestic overnight stays
- International travel (subject to review)

#### EVENTS

- Most significant life events (30)
- Indoor events: 1,000 or 50% (plus pilots)
- Outdoor seated events: 10,000 or 25% (plus pilots)
- Outdoor other events: 4,000 or 50% (plus pilots)

### STEP 4

No earlier than 21 June

At least 5 weeks after Step 3

All subject to review

#### EDUCATION

- As previous step

#### SOCIAL CONTACT

- No legal limit

#### BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES

- Remaining businesses, including nightclubs

#### TRAVEL

- Domestic overnight stays
- International travel

#### EVENTS

- No legal limit on life events
- Larger events

[Click here](#) to read Gov.uk Guidance 'Roadmap out of lockdown'

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