



# Akrotiri School

## Friday Feeling

### #013

Friday 3 December

A lot can happen in seven days – we leapt, like ten lords, into December and Christmas has certainly arrived at Akrotiri School. We also have the new expectations in terms of LFD testing for children.

To expand on the Facebook post from earlier in the day:

The requirement for 6-year olds and over to have an LFD to attend school comes into force from Monday, and there are a number of locations this can take place. Firstly, the testing facility on station is at the air cadet building, where you can book a slot through the online portal and where you will be asked to support the administration of the test. Alternatively, you can take your child/ren to numerous testing facilities in the Republic of Cyprus. Both have their advantages; the station for the location and the RoC because you get a QR coded response, which meets the current requirement for the Safepass to enter restaurants and shops. Please note that this is 'from' 6 December, so bearing in mind that slots may not be available for all children before this date, we recognise that this could take up to a week to filter through.

The following FAQs may also be useful:

1. **What is the date children aged 6+ need to be tested from?** The SBAA has confirmed that the requirement is for children to be tested for BFC School attendance from Monday 06 December 2021.
2. **How often should my child be tested?** Pupils 6+ should be tested once per week.
3. **What if my child has already had COVID?** If your child has had COVID within the last 6 months then they conform to the SAFEPASS requirements and will have digital/paper proof if required, they will not require further weekly testing in the 6-month period.
4. **When will testing of children end?** We will review the requirements in January and inform parents.
5. **Will the school be checking pupils for proof of test?** At this time, school is not required to check whether a pupil aged 6 + has been tested. It is parent's responsibility to ensure that their child is tested in-line with SBAA law.
6. **Can home LFD testing kits be made available as an alternative option?** BFC are currently sourcing home testing kits. We will update you as and when they become available.

I appreciate you may have more questions and we will continue to work with the Station to answer any queries that you may have.

Returning to the Christmas theme, Y6 children had a super visit to St John's School, where they practised their language skills at the Christmas Market, organised by the Y7 children. The Y6 teachers praised the behaviour and engagement of our children and we are immensely proud of how they continue to positively represent Akrotiri School.

As we approach the end of term, unfortunately, we are unable to hold our Christmas Carol Concert on Monday 13 December, as planned. The children have worked exceptionally hard, learning their songs to perform, therefore we are holding three separate events for parents, in smaller groups to stay within the current COVID restrictions. We are inviting parents to attend their child's concert, appreciating that you may need to come twice if you have siblings in different groups. The concerts will take place on **Friday 10 December** outside the FS building and the timings and groupings are as follows:

**Group 1 0945- 1015**

Heartford class (Mr Robinson)  
Grimm class (Miss Turner)  
Osborne class (Mr Ball)  
Morpurgo class (Mrs Ashford)  
Fine class (Mr McKenna)

**Group 2 1045 – 1115**

Fox class (Mrs Bicknell)  
Anderson class (Miss Flynn)  
Dreise class (Miss Kirby)  
Verne class (Miss Lowe)  
Kipling class (Mrs Cotter)

**Group 3 1230 – 1300**

Dodd class (Mrs Kemble)  
Seuss class (Miss Cooper)  
Dahl class (Mrs Roberts)  
Tan class (Mrs Humphries)  
Sachar class (Miss Mackenzie)

We very much look forward to sharing some much-needed Christmas cheer!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Ben Turner  
Headmaster

