



Ark Elvin Academy

Monday 23rd March 2020

Dear parents and carers of children who will be attending our community classrooms,

We are setting up our community classrooms to create a space for pupils to be supported with their home learning while our school is closed. This service is offered only to the children of parents involved in critical work needed in the fight against the coronavirus and a small number of vulnerable children whose families are currently supported by social workers or who have an EHCP. It is really important that this service is restricted just to these children so that we minimize the number of staff and pupils travelling to and from school and prevent the risk of further spreading the disease. For this reason in the case of key workers pupils please only use the service if you are not able to supervise your children because you are working.

We have constructed a timetable for the community classroom day and a set of rules. This will feel different from a school day. Pupils will not wear school uniform and will not attend lessons. The community classroom day will start at 9am. Your child must arrive between 0845-0900 am to attend and the day will end at 3pm. Children will not be able to enter the school building before 0845 or stay after 3pm.

The community classroom day will start with a welcome activity and then be made up of 5 sessions and include a break and a lunch where we will provide a free cold lunch and snacks for all pupils attending. Three of the sessions will be supervised study where pupils will be supported to complete their on-line learning. For two of the sessions pupils will be able to choose from PE or creative activities or time in the school library.

Throughout the day all pupils and staff will observe strict social distancing. This will include a strict 2-meter distance between people at all times and regular washing of hands. Any child who does not comply with the social distancing rules will be sent home and will no longer be allowed to attend our community classroom.

It is very important that no child attends a community classroom if they or anyone in their household has any symptoms. If anyone in your household does become ill your child will not be able to attend the community classroom for 12 days.

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Each week on a Thursday we will send a link for you to sign up for the following week's community classroom. Please indicate which days you will require a place so that we can staff the classrooms appropriately. Please do not send your child in if you have not booked a space or if you are able to supervise them at home yourself.

Our community classrooms are opening tomorrow morning at 0845. We are excited to be able to offer this to your family and hope that it can help in the difficult weeks ahead. If you have any feedback please do not hesitate to contact us.

Take care and stay safe,

Rebecca Curtis
Principal