



# Ark Elvin Academy

20 May 2020

Dear Y10 parents/carers,

I am writing to update you on how we aim to support your child in Year 10 through the summer term. As you will know the government has not yet announced the re-opening of secondary schools but has said that we should begin planning to offer some face-to-face provision to our Year 10s to support with their home learning.

The safety, health and wellbeing of everyone in the school is, of course our highest priority. We are planning how to put into place the measures needed so that we can run this provision safely, hygienically and with appropriate procedures in place when we re-open. The Government has stressed that all re-opening plans will depend on infection rates decreasing and it won't make its final decision on whether schools can re-open for Y10 until May 28th. This uncertainty makes planning difficult, but we will continue to develop our plans to welcome some Year 10 pupils back into school – we really miss seeing them!

The Government guidance says that no more than 15 children can be in a secondary classroom when Year 10 come back into school. It has also said that students will need to sit two meters apart. We will therefore need to very carefully manage how to limit the number of pupils and staff who mix with each other whilst in school. In addition, it will be important that we avoid large numbers of students gathering when coming to or leaving school.

Our plan is to phase the return of our Y10 pupils in the following way:

**Phase 1:** All year 10 pupils will be invited in for a progress review meeting with a member of our staff on either 4th or 5th June. Parents/carers are very welcome to attend this meeting. In this meeting we will:

- Check in on how your child has experienced lockdown
- Review the learning they have completed in Summer 1
- Outline the expectations and support them to access the home learning for summer 2

**Phase 2:** Year 10 pupils will be invited in for one extended lesson during the week beginning 8th June. The aim of this session will be to:

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- Provide a supportive space for pupils to discuss how they have experienced lockdown with their peers
- Set the expectation for how we work this term and what face-to-face support will be on offer
- Establish our social distancing expectations in school
- Support pupils to work from home effectively and introduce how to use teaching video's and how to access a Microsoft teams meeting

**Phase 3:** From 15th June all Y10 pupils will be invited into school for lessons 2 days a week. They will be expected to complete their home learning tasks in the three days a week they are working from home. This will be a shortened day and pupils will remain in the same small group throughout. During this time they will attend English, Maths and Science lessons and will be supported in supervised study sessions for all other subjects.

In order to put the appropriate measures needed in place, we need to know how many students are likely to come to school for these face-to-face sessions. These sessions are not compulsory – it is for you to decide if you feel comfortable about your child returning to school at this stage. However, if your child is healthy and everyone else in your household is we would really encourage you to send your child to school after half term.

**Please complete [this form](#) to let us know if your child can come back for some sessions in school after half term.**

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly or speak to Ms Johnson Head of Year 10. In the meantime thank you for all your support with your child's learning at home. If there is anything further we can do to support please do not hesitate to contact me.

Take care and stay safe,

Ms Curtis

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