



Ark Elvin Academy

30 May 2020

Dear parents and carers of Y10 pupils,

I hope that you and your families have had a chance to enjoy some kind of break over the half term - at least the sun was shining!

As you will have heard in the news the government is planning for schools to reopen for Y10 pupils only from the week beginning the 15th June. This is slightly later than the 1st of June that the government first mentioned. It is also dependent on the rate of infection and number of covid-related deaths continuing to fall nationally. This provision will not be compulsory and will not be full time this term. It will be small group sessions designed to support our pupils to access the home learning more effectively.

We are working hard to ensure that this provision is safe for your child to attend and our staff to facilitate. In school social distancing will be insisted on at all times this means that:

- Pupils will wash their hands on entry to the building and throughout the school day
- They will be checked for covid symptoms and have their temperature taken at the start of each day
- They will be in a classroom with no more than 12 children at any one time and will not mix with any other pupils while they are in the school building
- There will not ever be more than a quarter of the year group in the school building at one time
- They will eat their lunch in the same classroom
- At break time they will be in an area of outdoor space with the same 12 pupils and will have to socially distance at all times
- The building has had a full deep clean and we will have a team of cleaners on site throughout the school day keeping the spaces used by pupils and staff clean
- During this time all meetings with parents will happen by telephone to reduce the number of visitors into the school building
- The shortened school day will start at 10am and finish at 3pm so that pupils can avoid the busiest times on the roads
- The senior leadership team will be providing support throughout the school day to ensure that these measures are enforced at all times.

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We are calling all parents to talk through these plans with you over the next week. We need to know if you would like your child to attend this provision and we will answer any questions you may have. We will then write to you during the week beginning the 8th June with the details of when your child should come into school.

In the meantime it is so important that your child is working every day and completing their home learning tasks. Coming into school from the 15th June will help them complete these tasks and help them begin to prepare for Y11. We hope it will also be the first safe step back to full time school for your child. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Wishing you all well in these difficult times.

Take care,

Ms Curtis

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