



Ark Elvin Academy

5 January 2021

Dear Parents and carers,

I know that for all of us the news of the second national lockdown is hard to hear. We all share the same worries and concerns about living through this pandemic - the impact on our community and of course our children. I am writing to you today to outline how we will support your child through the national lockdown and the changes we have had to make as a result of the government announcement last night.

Last night the prime minister announced that all schools must move to on-line learning this term and that schools will not re-open for face-to-face teaching until after the February half term. He also announced that for children in exam year groups there will be changes to the end of year exams. Parents of children in Year 11 and Year 12 will receive a separate letter from me explaining what this means for their child.

I have outlined the start of term arrangements below:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12
4 th -5 th January	Staff training days					
6 th January	Parent Review Day On-line individual parent meetings with your child's form tutor				All pupils working from home	Parent Review Day
7 th -8 th January	All pupils working from home Pupils to complete the homework tasks set for the Christmas holidays and additional tasks set for this week Click on this link for further details. Community classrooms for all key worker and vulnerable pupils					
Week beginning	All pupils working on-line from home Pupils to follow their year groups online timetable (see here) and access all on-line lessons and tasks from 0830 each morning					

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Virtual parents meeting

On Thursday we will be holding virtual parent's meetings to talk through everything we are doing to keep your child learning and safe through the pandemic.

Parents and carers with pupils in Year 11 should join this meeting at 4pm on Thursday – [please follow this link](#).

Parents and carers with pupils in Years 7-10 should join this meeting at 5pm on Thursday – please [follow this link](#).

Community classrooms

From Thursday 7th January we will open our community classroom provision to the following groups of children:

- Children of key workers
- Vulnerable pupils including SEN pupils.

If you are a key worker and would like to request a place for you child in our community classroom provision, please [click here](#).

Children in the community classrooms will be supported to complete all the on-line learning that children at home will be set.

Accessing on-line learning years 7-12 from 11th January

For your child to learn from home next week they will need the following:

- Access to a laptop and internet connection
- A quiet space for them to work from
- A pen and paper

They should be ready to join their on-line form time at 0830 every morning and will have a mixture of live lessons and on-line learning tasks set each day. You can find their on-line timetable [here](#).

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If you have any concerns about them accessing our on-line lessons from next week, please let your child's form tutor know at the parent review meeting on Wednesday. If your child is in Year 11 their form tutor will be calling you this week to make sure they have everything they need to access the on-line learning.

Free School Meals

Throughout the national lockdown we will continue to send all families who receive Free School Meals their weekly voucher. If your child is attending our community classroom you will not receive this voucher as they will be provided with a free lunch.

If your financial situation has changed recently and you think you might now be eligible for free school meals please click [here](#) for more information about how to apply.

If you need urgent food, please contact Brent Council for a food voucher on 020 8937 5796 and select option 3.

Place2Be have information and advice on how to look after your family's mental health during lockdown. [Click here](#) to access this information.

If you and your family are struggling in anyway, please do not hesitate to contact the school directly – we are here to help... every step of the way.

Our team at Elvin are ready to support your child through this difficult time. Please do not hesitate to contact the school at any stage if you have any concerns or questions. We are in this together!

For now – stay home – stay safe and together we will do what it takes to support your child to be happy and keep learning.

Take care,

Ms Curtis
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