



Ark Elvin Academy

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Dear parents and carers,

I am sure that many of you will have watched the latest announcement from Prime Minister Boris Johnson last night and I wanted to clarify to you what this means for your child.

At this stage no date was given for when secondary schools will re-open. Those of you with younger children in primary school will know that reception, Year 1 and Year 6 are due to return on 1st June. A decision will then be made about when secondary schools will return and it is expected that Year 10 will be the first year group back. But this will not happen until later in June. I will write to you as soon as we have more clarity about the exact date for reopening and will of course share the steps we are taking to ensure our pupils and staff are safe to return to school.

In the meantime we will continue with our 'new normal' and supporting your child with their learning from home. We are holding [online parents meetings](#) over the next two weeks to answer all the questions you have and of course please ask your child's form tutor any questions during your weekly phone call with them. We want to support in any way we can so please do let us know if you are struggling to support your child with their learning in anyway. I know from personal experience with my own children how hard home learning is!

During our school closure we have our community classroom open for the children of key workers. If you would like your child to attend this provision during this time please reply to the text message when you receive it on Thursday and we will be in touch to explain how it works and to ensure that you qualify for a place.

I do realise how difficult lockdown is for everyone and how much harder it feels as time goes on. But together we will get through this. In the meantime, take care, stay safe and thank you for all your help in keeping our pupils learning!

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