



Ark Elvin Academy

19 June 2020

Dear parents and carers,

I do hope that you and your families are all well. I know for some people this week has felt like another step towards getting our 'normal' lives back with more shops opening and it certainly has felt that way at Elvin. We have been delighted to welcome more pupils than ever into our community classrooms and also to welcome our Year 10s back for their first face to face lessons. Year 10 are now in one day a week for lessons with their subject teachers and then working from home for the remainder of the week. The Year 10s who have been in so far have been really hard working and positive about being back and they have been excellent at sticking to our strict social distancing rules. If your child is in Year 10 and has not yet returned to school but you would now like them to please [click here](#).

At this stage the government has still not decided when schools will fully reopen and I do realise how difficult this uncertainty is for you all. We are also aware that while many of our pupils are working really hard in lockdown, for many families it is extremely difficult to support their children with the home learning tasks. We are all agreed that we need our children back in school as soon as possible and as soon as it can be done safely. This week having our Year 10s in in their small groups has shown us that maintaining social distancing rules and basic hygiene standards is possible in school if pupils are back in small groups. The government have also announced that secondary schools are allowed to invite KS3 pupils back to school for a one-off lesson before the end of term.

We would like to invite every form group in Years 7-9 to come back into school for a one-off face to face form time lesson before the end of the term. The plans are as follows:

- Half a form group at a time would be invited back into school for a one-off form time lesson
- This lesson would give our pupils the chance to experience teaching in school before the end of term and to learn our social distancing rules
- It would give each form group a chance to meet with their peers and share their experience of lockdown
- It would be an opportunity for your child to be supported with their home learning tasks and make sure they understand fully how to complete the tasks

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for the rest of this term and the holiday home learning packs for the summer break

- The children will remain in their small group throughout the session and will be supported to stick to strict social distancing rules and hygiene requirements.
- Year 7 form groups will be invited back for one lesson in the week beginning 29th June
- Year 8 will be invited back for one lesson the week beginning 6th July
- Year 9 will be invited back for one lesson the week beginning 15th July.

These sessions are not compulsory, but we really encourage you to allow your child to attend. Next week in their phone calls home form tutors will be asking you a few questions to help us understand if your child is able to return to school for this one-off lesson. We need to know:

- If your child has any health condition that makes them clinically vulnerable - if so, they will not be able to return to school
- If anyone in your household is extremely clinically vulnerable and shielding - if so, they will not be able to return to school
- If your child or anyone in your household has covid symptoms or is isolating - if so, they will not be able to return to school.

Next week I will share with you the timetable of when children will be invited back to school for their form time lessons and I will also share with you the full details of the steps we have taken in school to keep your child safe. Each week before the form groups return to school we will run a virtual parents meeting for you to ask any questions that you might have about our in school provision and supporting your child to work from home. Meeting times and how to join are below.

Year	Meeting Date	Joining Link
7	Wednesday 24 th June 2020 4pm	Click here to join
8	Wednesday 1 st July 2020 4pm	Click here to join
9	Wednesday 8 th July 2020 4pm	Click here to join

How to join

- You can join us using Google Chrome or download Microsoft Teams on your computer, tablet or phone
- At the time of the event, click the relevant link (in the table above) to join

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- Please mute your mic when you join
- You can ask questions or make comments in the chat room during the presentation

In the meantime, it is more important than ever that your child is working hard to complete their home learning. Links to next week's tasks are below.

[Year 7](#) | [Year 8](#) | [Year 9](#) | [Year 10](#)

Our suggested timetable for your child to follow can be found [here](#) for years 7 to 9 and [here](#) for year 10. If you know that your child is struggling to complete this work please let their form tutor know in the weekly phone call and we can arrange for them to either attend our community classroom to access additional help or for their subject teacher to contact them and talk them through the tasks they are struggling with.

In the meantime, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Take care, stay safe and together we can keep your child learning.

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