



Ark John Keats Academy

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Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you and your families are healthy, safe, and well, and that you were able to have a restful bank holiday weekend.

As you will probably have seen, the Prime Minister has set out the Government's plan to begin to gradually ease the lockdown and manage the Coronavirus pandemic over the coming months.

The full implications for schools remains unclear and is different for primary and secondary schools. The Government has said that it would like to be able to begin a phased reopening of primary schools for children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 6 at the beginning of June, with the hope that all primary school children can return to school for one month before the start of the summer holidays. By our estimation, that would be around the 22nd June. For secondary students, the hope is that students in Year 10 and Year 12 who will be doing exams next year will get some time with their teachers before the summer holidays, although exact arrangements for this have not been confirmed.

The Prime Minister stressed that all of the reopening plans are conditional and will depend on infection rates decreasing.

We are really looking forward to seeing all our pupils back at school again. We know that the best thing for every child's education is for them to be at school – but, most importantly, only when it is safe for them, and our staff, to do so.

Once we have fully reviewed Government guidance and developed our specific plans for the primary and secondary phases, we will update you. For now, please continue to encourage and support your child/ren to complete the schoolwork they have been set and to maintain a healthy and active daily routine. Please also continue to follow the [NHS](#) advice on Coronavirus.

If you need any further information or help, please contact info@arkjohnkeatsacademy.org.

Yours sincerely,

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