



# Ark John Keats Academy

21<sup>st</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing with regards to our ongoing provision for Key Stage 3 remote learning, given the ongoing situation with schools being closed to most pupils in England.

Firstly, I would like to extend my thanks to the entire community for their ongoing support of, and engagement with, the remote learning provision at home. It has been inspiring to see the quality of work produced by children, and families, whilst at home and under what can be challenging circumstances for all. Whilst we are eager to get back to school, and to some form of normality, our first priority remains the health and safety of our entire community and, as such, we are encouraging all of our families, unless they have been instructed to come in to school, to stay at home.

Based on the most recent guidance from the Government, it seems very unlikely that pupils in Key Stage 3 will return to school before the summer holidays. As such, in order to prevent them falling behind academically, we will be setting a wider variety and range of work for them to complete at home. We recognise what a prolonged time out of school this is for our young people. This makes the work that they are doing at home absolutely essential. It will form the foundations of the work they complete in the next academic year, for those in Years 7 and 8, and for those in Year 9, it will support them in the transition to Key Stage 4.

We recognise that this isn't an ideal situation; however, we also recognise that it is the safest. The pupils will be completing a mix of academic work, and online enrichment or character-building activities. Pupils will do a form of assessment on their learning, which will ensure we are aware of gaps in their knowledge for next year, but these won't be reported on in the form of colours. The pupils will present on them in a virtual Academic Review Day at the end of the year. We will send more details about this in due course. Revision packs will be available for these, on the school website, from 12<sup>th</sup> June.

Yours Sincerely,

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