



Ark John Keats Academy

1st June 2020

Dear parents/carers,

I wanted to update you on the latest guidance we have received from the Department for Education regarding secondary schools re-opening for students in Years 10 and 12.

The Government has confirmed that the earliest date that schools can begin to provide some face to face teaching for these year groups **has been changed to June 15th**.

We want as many students as possible to have the opportunity to have face to face learning with their teachers. However, the safety, health and wellbeing of everyone in the school is of course our highest priority and our plans will be based around the restrictions on the numbers who can attend school and can be in classes together. As with all secondary schools, our remote learning provision will continue to be the main form of education that students receive.

For those pupils, the first week (w/b 15th June) will be an individual meeting with their tutor or a member of the leadership team to support their remote learning and set targets. These will follow the safety precautions and format previously shared with you.

From 22nd June, we aim to provide some small group teaching on site for pupils (core subjects for Y10 and where appropriate for Y12) alongside their meetings with tutors. This will be to supplement their remote learning. Pupils will be taught in groups of maximum 15 pupils, with 2m distance maintained at all times. The pupils will be on site for a maximum of 2 hours per day.

All re-opening plans are conditional on updated government guidance and infection rates.

In order to put the appropriate measures needed in place, we need to know how many students are likely to come to school when we reopen from June 15th for Years 10 and 12. We will be **sending the parents/carers of students in those year groups a text message later today, asking if you do plan to send you child back to school, please reply to the text by Thursday 4th June**. Once we know how many students to expect, we can then start to work out how and when they can return during the summer term.

If your child is already attending our Community Classrooms for key worker and vulnerable children, they can continue to do so regardless of which year group they are in and we encourage them to attend. If your child has specific health vulnerabilities, they should not come to school. Further details are available [here](#).

I will write to you again next week when I hope to be able to share our specific plans with you. In the meantime, please continue to support your child with their learning from home. Thank you again for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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