



Ark John Keats Academy

Re: Temporary school closure Friday 21st January, 2022

Dear families,

It is with deep regret that we will have to temporarily close the school tomorrow, Friday 21st January. There has been a critical failure of our heating system. With the current temperatures this will mean that we are unable to heat our classrooms to an acceptable level. In conversation with Ark Central and our contractors we have no alternative but to close the site whilst we work around the clock to fix this issue. We will be in contact tomorrow with an update on when the school site will open again.

Lessons and learning will continue as normal but will be held **online**. It is crucial your children continue to learn and have a good quality of education, particularly given the challenges of the past two years. The timetable will continue as normal meaning your child will start and finish school at the same time. Your child will need a laptop, their exercise books and a quiet space to work.

Online learning

Your child's learning will continue as normal. These lessons will be online. They can be accessed via the same format and structure as used in the last period of school closure – via Microsoft Teams. A step-by-step guide on how to log on to your lessons is available [here](#). Some key things to know about online learning:

- Your child's timetable will have the same lessons at the same time as they would do in school.
- Your child will access these lessons by logging into Microsoft Teams using their school login and password. Teams can be accessed via an internet browser [here](#) or downloaded as an app.
- If your child has forgotten their login details they can email their Head of Year, tutor or use the link on our website to request your password or email address information.
- Your child will complete their work in their exercise books.
- This work will be checked in the first lesson back. Your child's teacher may ask your child to take a photo of their work and send this in.
- Your child will need to have their camera on. This allows your child's teacher to be able to better assess their learning and progress.
- Pupils do not have to wear their uniform, but will have to ensure they are in appropriate clothes.
- Our expectations for pupils in their virtual lessons is the same as their classroom-based lessons. We will reward and celebrate hard work. We will sanction and follow up any inappropriate online behaviour.

Attendance

Your child must attend school as normal. If your child is too unwell to attend virtually please follow the normal procedures of reporting their absence by calling the school. The school will be calling all un-reported absentees to ensure we can support with the removal of any barrier to accessing their remote learning.

Digital Strategy and access to laptops

All pupils in Ark John Keats are eligible for a free loan of a Chromebook. This is to remove the barrier to online learning and to support pupils in the event of any disruption to learning. Well over half of our pupils have already accessed this amazing resource. If you have yet to do so please read the



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information on our website here: <https://arkjohnkeats.org/parents/digital-strategy>. There will be a member of staff in reception from 4-5.30pm today and 7.30-8.30am tomorrow to support with the deployment of devices to any families who do not have these currently.

Yours faithfully,

Ms J. Facer
(Principal)