



# Ark John Keats Academy

10<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear parents/carers,

The Government confirmed that from June 15<sup>th</sup>, secondary schools can offer some face-to-face teaching and support in school to Year 10 students. We are really looking forward to having students from these year groups back at school and being able to see them in person. However, as with all secondary schools, our remote learning provision will continue to be the main form of education that students receive.

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

Our plans to begin providing some school-based education for Year 10 students are as follows;

Phases:

- Phase 1: w/b 15<sup>th</sup> June – pupils will have individual meetings with their tutor or a member of the senior leadership team
- Phase 2: w/b 22<sup>nd</sup> June – 1:1 meeting with tutors and small group teaching with subject specialists in English and Maths will take place with a group of students. If invited, you will be in Group A, B or C

Phase 2 (w/b 22nd June): Small group teaching					
08:30 - 09:30	09:30-10:30	11:00-12:00	12:00-13:00	13:30-14:30	14:30-15:30
Group A: Maths	Group A: English	Group B: Maths	Group B: English	Group C: Maths	Group C: English

We will communicate the plans for Phase 3 (w/b 29<sup>th</sup> June) next week.

We have done a great deal of detailed work to put in place the measures needed to make school as safe as it can be for our pupils and staff. In line with government guidance, no more than 25 per cent of the year groups who can come to school are permitted to be in at any one time, and they must sit two metres apart from each other. Ensuring sufficient distance between pupils is likely to mean classes are no more than half their usual size. The time students arrive and leave school will be staggered.

Year 10 students and parents/carers will be informed if they are in a key group in Phase 2 in their initial meeting with their tutor and a phone call.

In Phase 2 (w/b 22nd June), some students will be attending school every day for 2 hours.

- Students must be in full AJK uniform (not including the academy blazer) and bring their full equipment

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- Students will present at the secondary gate, and then enter in front of the assembly hall.
- Once your child is signed in, they will be directed towards the Years 8 and 10 courtyard.
- They will be guided to their classrooms from the Years 8 and 10 courtyard after washing their hands by lead member of staff. Pupils will line up as per the usual AJK routines, however they will be directed to line up at cones, with a 2m space between them and other pupils.
- Each group has a maximum of 10 students
- Students will remain in their same classrooms and in the same group throughout their time in school
- Classrooms will be equipped with hand sanitisers for students and staff to use
- On the times students are not in school, they must continue with the remote learning set by their teachers.
- Students will be escorted offsite at the end of their sessions by staff ensuring student are leaving school safely adhering to the social distancing measures
- If a pupil develops symptoms, they will be isolated in one of our meeting rooms where their temperature will be checked, and parents will be contacted to collect them.

The strict arrangements to ensure everyone stays safe are based on the numbers of students we know are planning to come into school.

We all have a role to play to stop the spread of infection and we must all continue to follow the NHS guidance. If any student has symptoms of Coronavirus, however mild, **they must not come to school**. If a student shows any symptoms at school, we will contact their parents or carers so we can send them home. Anyone with symptoms must self-isolate and **stay at home** for at least 7 days from when the symptoms started, **and they should immediately arrange to have a Coronavirus test**. Everyone in the household of someone with symptoms must **stay at home for 14 days, or until they receive a negative test result** - they should not go to work, school or use public transport or taxis. Nobody should go out even to buy food or other essentials, and any exercise must be taken at home.

If a student's test is negative, they can come back to school. If the test is positive, they cannot come back to school until they have recovered, the minimum time they must stay at home **is 7 days**. If your child has a Coronavirus test, **you must let us know the result as soon as possible**. If the test is positive, we will need to advise everyone in their class group to stay home for 14 days.

All the information about what to do if you have symptoms is available the Government website [here](#). At school, we will make sure that students follow the strict hygiene measures required and that they wash their hands often. Please make sure that your child understands how important it is for everyone to wash their hands regularly for 20 seconds using soap and water and that they cough and sneeze safely into a tissue or their elbow.

This has been a very unsettling time for everyone. We know that some of our students may be anxious about coming back into school, some may have had relatives who have been ill with the

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virus, others may have been bereaved. We will do our very best to make sure that all students are supported and enjoy returning to doing some learning at school. Please do let us know if your child might need some extra help and support.

Our teachers and school staff have worked incredibly hard to put all of the measures needed in place to make our school safe, we really appreciate your patience and understanding whilst we made our plans. If you need any further information, please let me know, I look forward to seeing some children back at school very soon. In the meantime, please do encourage your child to continue with their home learning.

Yours sincerely,

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