



Ark Kings Academy Primary
Headteacher: Mrs C. Brasenell

16th March 2020

Dear Parent/ Carer,

The Government's guidance on the coronavirus has changed from the 'contain' phase to the 'delay' phase to try to stop the virus from spreading.

I am writing to you to let you know what we're doing in light of this, and how you can help to make sure our school community keeps safe and calm.

We'd like to reassure you that at Kings Academy we're taking the necessary steps to protect our community and are continuing to follow official guidance from the Government, the NHS and Public Health England.

What's the current situation?

- Ark Kings Academy remains open- this is current official guidance we've been given. If this guidance changes then we will communicate with parents via texts, our website (www.arkkingsacademy.org) and our Twitter page (@ArkKingsPrimary)
- Pupils should attend school unless they feel unwell- we advise you to follow the guidelines from the NHS if your child feels unwell

<https://www.nhs.co.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

- As a school we will be fully supportive of the decisions you make as a parent/ carer with regards to coronavirus and the attendance of your child
- If your child is unwell, report this to the school office on 0121 458 5380 before 9am **each day of illness**

What we're doing to protect and support pupils and staff

- We are continuing to clean the touch points around the school. This is already part of our school cleaning programme
- We are ensuring that the hygiene facilities for pupils and staff are replenished. Our site staff are checking the levels of soap and sanitiser on a regular basis
- We have several sanitiser stations around the school- all pupils and staff are aware of where these are and how to use them
- We have held assemblies on correct hand washing procedures and the guidance on sneezing and coughing
- We have postponed swimming lessons for Y3
- We have postponed Y3's trip to Cadbury World
- We have postponed our Parent Reading mornings
- We have postponed class assemblies
- We have postponed external visitors to the school

Please note that the above events are **postponed, not cancelled** forever. As soon as we can resume these, we will let you now.

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Email: info@arkkingsacademy.org
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We have prepared student work packs for anyone who is self-isolating for pupils who are well enough to do work at home. Please contact the school office to let them know if you would like a pack for your child/ children and we will get these sent out to you.

What we need you to do:

- If you've recently changed your contact details, please inform the school office immediately
- Talk to your children about the coronavirus. It's a time when we should make sure children feel supported, safe and calm. BBC Newsround <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround> has regular updates for younger children
- Please come and collect your child straight away if we ask you to. We will contact you if they become ill with either a high temperature or a new, continuous cough
- Check your child has their login for Times Table Rockstars and has accessed this at home. Any problems with your child's login, please inform us straight away

If you have any questions:

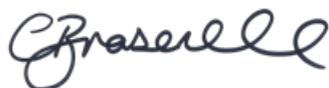
- Call the school office 0121 458 5380 or see a member of staff before or after school
- If you think you or your child may have coronavirus symptoms, use NHS 111 online <https://111.nhs.uk> if at all possible before calling 111

As the picture and guidance regarding coronavirus is changing rapidly day to day, we will keep you updated if any guidance changes.

During these difficult times, Ark Kings Academy will continue to work with all members of its community to maintain a calm and safe school community.

Thank you for your support and understanding as always.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs C Brasenell
Primary Headteacher.