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## Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent/ Carer,

I hope you and your family all remain safe and well.

Our school has remained open over the Easter holidays to support Key Workers and other families. Everyone is safe and well and we have not had any reported cases of COVID-19 to date. Keep doing your part by staying at home and only going out for essential items or daily exercise.

Our school office is open from 8.30-3.00pm daily so please do contact us if you have any queries or updates.

Thank you for your messages and pictures sent in to our **Distance learning** email: [distancelearning@arkkingsacademy.org](mailto:distancelearning@arkkingsacademy.org) it has been wonderful to see pictures of your children's work as well as pictures of some of the children completing their home learning. Please do send us more as we Tweet these at [@ArkKingsPrimary](https://twitter.com/ArkKingsPrimary)

**IMPORTANT: Parent emails:** we are increasingly moving towards communicating with you electronically. We have been collecting all parent emails. We have been checking these with lots of parents so in the future we will be able to send out newsletters to you via email too.

After Easter, we move to the **Government Free School Voucher scheme**. Vouchers will be sent via email to all families entitled to Free School Meals only. This means that **children who automatically get a free school meal in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will not continue to receive vouchers after Easter unless they are eligible for Free School Meals**. If you have any queries or if this presents you with any difficulties, please contact our school office on 0121 458 5380.

The government Coronavirus advice remains:



Every Monday, new Home Learning work is put onto our website [www.arkkingsacademy.org](http://www.arkkingsacademy.org) This will recommence on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020. If you need paper copies, please contact us and we will post these to you. Please bear in mind that the postal service is reduced and these may take a few days longer than normal to get to you.

We are conducting phone calls home as a method of keeping in touch with you all. It's been lovely to speak to many of you over the last week. This will operate mainly in normal term time.

Please see below our tips for **accessing our distance learning, staying safe online and mental health advice**

All of the staff at Kings Primary wish you and your families well, we are all thinking of you.

Please keep in touch. Best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

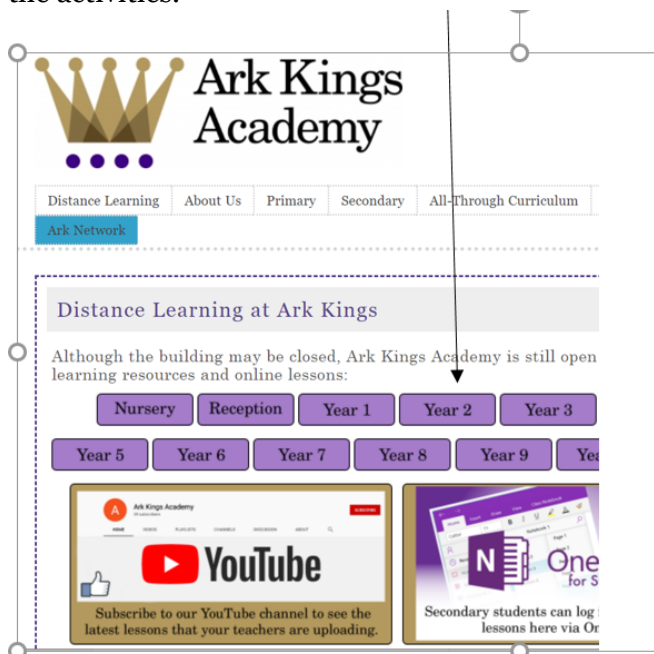
Mrs C Brasenell  
Primary Headteacher.

## Distance Learning Update

Thank you for your engagement with supporting your child's learning at home. Please continue to send us work and activities your child is doing to [distancelearning@arkkingsacademy.org](mailto:distancelearning@arkkingsacademy.org)  
We're featuring many of these on our Twitter page [@ArkKingsPrimary](https://twitter.com/ArkKingsPrimary)



Every Monday, we are uploading new activities and website links for your child to complete at home. Our website is [www.arkkingsacademy.org](http://www.arkkingsacademy.org)  
On our home page, you will see a link to your child's year group page – click on here to access the activities.



In addition, we have provided a timetable of live lessons that your child can access each day at home. This is available at <https://arkkingsacademy.org/distance-learning>

What?	Body Percussion	Live Science	Dance classes with Oti Mabuse	British Sign Language
When? (day)	Mon-Fri	Mon-Fri	Tues-Sun	Mon-Fri
When? (time)	11am	11am	11.30am	1pm

## Mental health support offer



A range of new, easily accessible mental health support is now available for patients in Birmingham and Solihull.

These services are provided by a range of local organisations, and offer emotional help, guidance and reassurance to people in Birmingham and Solihull who may be finding the current Coronavirus situation overwhelming.

### How to access the services

Group	Opening hours and contact details
0-18 year olds in Birmingham	7 days a week (10am-6pm): • 0207 841 4470 • <a href="mailto:askbeam@childrensociety.org.uk">askbeam@childrensociety.org.uk</a>
Over 18s in Birmingham and Solihull	7 days a week (9am-11pm): • 0121 262 35555
Key workers	7 days a week (9am-11pm): • 0121 633 1217



## What are the risks?

There are lots of fun and interesting things you can do on the internet and it is a great tool to help you with your home learning. It can also be a great way to stay in touch with friends. But it's important to understand how to stay safe online.

- Sometimes people will try to trick you into clicking dangerous links or sharing things about yourself. Or something you've shared might be used to bully or frighten you.
- The news you see online or on social media isn't always going to be accurate and it can be hard to tell what's real and what's fake.
- Some websites will report fake news or things that aren't completely true. They might do it because they want to scare you or make you do something or because they make money from people going to their site.
- They may also show you things that is inappropriate. It is important that that you report these straight away.



## Tips for parents

**Parental controls** help you to block or filter upsetting or inappropriate content, and control purchases within apps. You can install parental control software on your child's and family's phones or tablets, games consoles, laptops and your home internet.

Parental controls can help you to:

- plan what time of day your child can go online and how long for
- have an open dialect with your child about what they are accessing and seeing online
- manage the content different family members can see.
- Know the age restrictions for socail media apps such as Snapchat, Facebook Tiktok (13+)

There are a number of apps/settings which can support how you monitor and protect your child online.

- Youtube kids – an app that limits the content and ensures it is appropriate for young children.
- Google family link – allows you to monitor the usage. set app restrictions. set

## Useful Links

[www.nspcc.org.uk/keep](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keep)

[ing-children-safe](http://ing-children-safe)

An NSPCC website with comprehensive information about how to keep children safe online.

[www.netaware.org.uk](http://www.netaware.org.uk) –

A guide to social media, apps and online gaming and how to monitor them.

[www.CEOP.police.uk](http://www.CEOP.police.uk) –

Child Exploitation and Online Protection command – a website to report any inappropriate communication or content.

