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Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parent/ Carer,

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

Thank you for your messages and pictures sent in to our **Distance learning** email:

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 are asking to collect all parent emails. We have had some from the response to the IT survey we sent out. Over the next few days we will be sending out a further request for these. Thank you. Over the coming months all letters and communication will come out electronically to you, so it is important that we have these.

We have now sent out our **Free School Meal Vouchers** which gives funding to Free School Meal children and Universal Infant Free School Meals (ALL Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) children up to the end of and including the Easter holidays.

After Easter, we move to the Government scheme where 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 may 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. **Please ensure we have your email address as this is the only way you can receive your Government Free School Meal Voucher after Easter.**

The government Coronavirus advice remains:



Our school office is open 8.30-3.00pm daily to receive calls. This will also be the case during the Easter holiday period. We are open for children of Key Workers and Vulnerable Children who have no alternative care provision.

Every Monday, new Home Learning work is put onto our website www.arkkingsacademy.org

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.

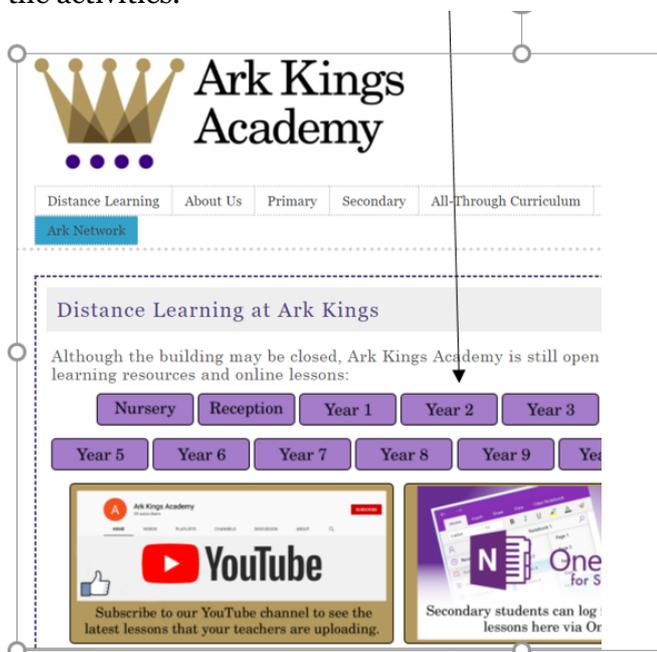
Distance Learning Update

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

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 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 • askbeam@childrengsociety.org.uk
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

Please see below our tips for **staying safe online**.

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.



Staying safe online

Ark Kings Academy

Useful Links

www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe
An NSPCC website with comprehensive information about how to keep children safe online.

www.netaware.org.uk – A guide to social media, apps and online gaming and how to monitor them.

www.CEOP.police.uk - Child Exploitation and Online Protection command – a website to report any inappropriate communication or content.

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 dialogue with your child about what they are accessing and seeing online
- manage the content different family members can see.
- Know the age restrictions for social 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



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