



Spring Term: Start of Term Arrangements

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all enjoying a relaxing holiday with your families.

Following the government announcement yesterday, I can confirm that our school will be closed and will be switching to remote learning from Wednesday 6th January. Monday 4th January will remain an inset day; Ark Schools has added Tuesday 5th January as an additional inset day giving staff time to prepare for online learning and to obtain a COVID test where appropriate. As it stands, we expect to reopen to all year groups on Monday 18th January but this is dependent on government guidance.

The staff team spent a significant amount of time last term preparing for this possible situation and we published details of our 'Remote Learning' offer on our website in the autumn. Please click on this link and the 'Remote Learning' drop down tab for further information: <https://arkatwoodprimary.org/remote-learning-0>.

We will be in touch on Monday with login details and further information about how this will work. Most of the children have been accessing See Saw during the Autumn term and we are therefore hopeful that they will quickly adapt and minimise any disruption to their learning.

Vulnerable and Key Worker Children: Similar to the summer term, the school will be open only to these children for on site provision from Thursday 7th January. We will contact vulnerable families directly but if you are a key worker family, the following steps need to be completed: (i) fill out the online survey via the link below (ii) provide any required documentation evidencing your employment status and (iii) await written correspondence from the school confirming your child/children's place. This provision will be the same as what is provided virtually and will run from 8.30am to 3.30pm with drop off and collection from the back gates. Lunch will be provided.

Online Survey for Vulnerable and Key Worker Provision (this must be completed by 12pm on Monday 4th January with places confirmed by 12pm on Tuesday 5th January):
<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=dBTLADSljUaCn2NuzjLCTNsN54d3ox9GgCyFZJT0uFZUMEVKQIBSOVBUSkswSDVJUU43OUJISkRTTS4u>

Free School Meals: If you are eligible for Free School Meals, you will receive a food voucher to support you with food costs. The office will organise this next week so please be patient as they look to set everything up.

As always, we will keep you updated with any developments and thank you for your patience and support as we switch, once again, to new ways of working.

Please get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Best Wishes

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