



Ark Brunel Primary Academy

Thursday 19th March 2020

Coronavirus School Closure

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Government has announced that all schools must close from **this Friday, March 20th, until further notice** to help stop the spread of Coronavirus.

As part of its announcement about schools, the Government also said that;

- Exams will not take place in May and June
- Schools will be open to help support the children of key workers and for vulnerable students
- Provision for food will be made for students who qualify for Free School Meals

We expect further details on how we can implement these measures in the coming days and will liaise closely with the Department for Education to ensure that we support our key worker parents and vulnerable students in the best way we can.

Our other key aim is to ensure and maintain as much stability for the students' education as possible and we have been planning for this outcome. Whilst it is not possible to fully replicate the educational experience at home, we have been working hard to put in place contingency plans to ensure students can still access work and teachers are able to support their learning.

Packs of work have been compiled and will be sent home with pupils tomorrow or will be available to collect from school next week – details to follow. Teachers will also call home weekly during the closure to check in and offer any support and guidance that might be necessary.

While schools are closed, we should all continue to follow health guidance.

Find out how to protect yourself here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

For further information on the government response, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

We will continue to update you on any developments via text and with regular updates on the school website.

This is an unsettling and disruptive time for everyone and we will work together as a school and local community to face the challenging times ahead. Thank you for your support and understanding during these exceptional circumstances. If we can do anything more to help your family, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

All very best wishes,

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