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Ark Boulton Academy

Dear Parents/Carers

The Government has announced that all schools must close from today **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

Department for Education has published its guidance on key worker parents and vulnerable students. A text message has been sent with further information should you fall into any of these groups.

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. We will ensure that students have work to complete during this period via our academy website which includes links to independent learning resources, useful websites and Seneca, our preferred distance learning application.

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.

If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact us via the school email info@arkboulton.org or the main school number 0121 773 8156.

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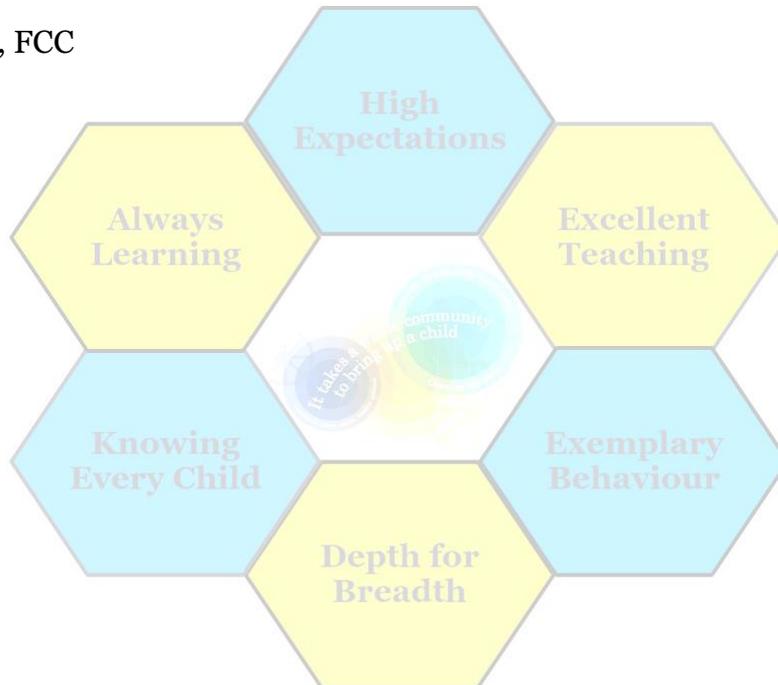


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These are challenging times. It is during these times that the character we nurture in our children will help us as a community to support one another and help role model for others compassion, courage and self-discipline. We must work together as “it takes a whole community to bring up a child.”

Kind regards,

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