



Ark Tindal Primary Academy

Friday 3rd April 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope everyone is safe and well and continuing to follow government advice. It feels very different organising school, as I am sure you can imagine. I would like to begin by saying thank you to all of you for your support over the last two weeks. I recognise that it has been a challenge as we all adapt to the changes that have needed to be made. Thank you for taking steps to arrange childcare to ensure that you and your families remain safe at this challenging time. It has been uplifting to hear that the children are enjoying their communication with their teachers and we say a big thank you to those that have sent in work for us to see. Please remember that we are aiming to strike a balance between keeping their minds stimulated whilst ensuring that they do not become anxious or worried. If you have any concerns, then please speak to the teacher as they call you.

Thank you to everyone who has been watching our stories - it's good to see so many appreciating the value of reading. Please do continue to encourage your child to read, to listen to audio stories or to share books with you.

For your information, there is a wealth of material on our website organised by year group. Whilst we will not be setting work over the Easter break we know that some families have appreciated having some structure so please do continue to use these resources as you wish. We had planned an Easter Eggstravaganza which unfortunately cannot go ahead but we would love the children to draw us Easter pictures, design/ make a decorated egg or bonnet. Please send these to your child's year group e-mail and we will be announcing winners after Easter.

If you are entitled to free school meals, you will begin receiving weekly vouchers. The Easter vouchers are a different scheme to the term time vouchers so please do check your e-mails for them. If you do not have an e-mail we are able to post the vouchers to you but this will cause a delay so, wherever possible, we would encourage the use of e-mail.

May I take this opportunity to remind you of government guidelines:

Social distancing: Please can we encourage all our pupils to practise effective social distancing, particularly over the Easter holidays when pupils may be encouraged to meet their friends or family. This would endanger everyone in our community. If you are tempted to get involved, please think about the people you care about and the risk that you would be bringing back into your house. It is simply not worth it.

Please remember the rules that the government have put in place and we should only leave our homes for the following very limited purposes:

1. Shopping for essential food and medicines
2. One form of exercise a day (a walk, a run) alone or with members of your household only
3. For a medical need or to provide care or support for a vulnerable person
4. Travelling to and from work only if necessary Everyone has been advised to: Stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people
5. Wash your hands as soon as you get home.

STAY INDOORS - PROTECT THE NHS - SAVE LIVES

This guidance can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-forvulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-peopleand-vulnerable-adults>

The school remains closed over Easter. If you are a key worker requiring provision please get in touch at: info@arktindalprimary.org and leave you name, your child's name and a contact number so that we can assist you.

I wish you a safe and restful Easter break and look forward to seeing you all soon.

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