



"We grow together, we learn together, we will achieve our best together"

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Dear Parent/ Carer

When we commenced Spring Term 2020, full of optimism for the year ahead, none of us could have anticipated that we would finish the term in the depths of a national and international pandemic of Coronavirus.

During the last fortnight our children, families and staff have seen their routines turned upside down as the country has gone into a critical period of lock down. The Government advice is clear to everyone:- **'Stay at home to prevent the spread of the virus – Protect the NHS and Save Lives'**.

Over the last two weeks quite rightly, we have seen the number of children attending school drop drastically as families have chosen to follow government advice and stay at home. As our letter on Friday 20th March clearly stated **EVERY CHILD WHO CAN BE SAFELY CARED FOR AT HOME, SHOULD BE.**

Whilst school will remain open over the holiday period for those parents & carers who are critical and essential workers along with a small group of our **most vulnerable pupils** who have already been contacted individually – PCA will be closed to all remaining children and young people.

The measures that are being put in place nationally are to promote and support **SELF ISOLATION** for your children and your family. So please remember whilst your child is off school **YOU MUST DO EVERYTHING YOU CAN TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE NOT MIXING SOCIALLY WITH OTHERS IN A WAY THAT CAN SPREAD THE VIRUS.**

For those families on free school meals who are entitled to 5-day food parcels – the existing arrangements will remain in place for the two week holiday period. Please make every effort to collect your food parcel from school each Tuesday between 10.30am and 2.30pm as we will not be able to guarantee the same level of home deliveries during the school holidays.

During the two-week holiday period class teachers will also be making weekly telephone contact with children and their families to offer their support, and we will also be regularly monitoring the school voicemail to pick up any messages.

Thank you once again for your patience, flexibility and support during this difficult time for us all. We will, of course, keep you informed of any future arrangements around Park Community Academy reopening in full as soon as we are aware.

To finish on a positive note, please take time to view the fantastic video on our Twitter feed - @PCABlackpool - that Miss Barlow and the staff have made to support PCA home learning. It contains a special message for our children and families and we hope that you enjoy it!

Yours sincerely



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