



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

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Dear Parent/ Carer

Further to the letter dated 3rd April 2020 and following the official GOV.UK briefing yesterday evening, we can now confirm that the Coronavirus lockdown will continue for at least a further 3 weeks. The next update is scheduled to be announced on Thursday 7th May. This means that Park Community Academy will continue to remain closed to the vast majority of our children. The truth is, no-one can say for sure how long the lockdown will need to last. For the foreseeable future therefore: -

EVERY CHILD WHO CAN BE SAFELY CARED FOR AT HOME, SHOULD BE.

The government advice remains clear for everyone: -

'Stay at home to prevent the spread of the virus – Protect the NHS and Save Lives'.

School will continue to remain open over the coming weeks 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 continue to 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 you, 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.**

We would like to reassure you that the existing arrangements will remain in place to support your child's learning and development at home during their absence. We are very aware of how useful and supportive parents & carers have found the regular contact with school staff and can assure you, this will be maintained.

For those families who are entitled to free school meals and are in receipt of 5-day food parcels – the existing arrangements will remain in place for the coming weeks. Please make every effort to collect your food parcel from school every Tuesday between 10.00am - 2.30pm.

As you will be aware, the national roll out of free school meal vouchers has not been without problems and we will keep you as up to date as possible, as we receive more information.

Thank you once again for your patience, flexibility and support during this difficult time for us all.

Please do not hesitate to contact school next week should you have any further enquiries.

Yours sincerely



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