

Dear Parents,

I hope you have enjoyed the Christmas holidays and that you and your family are safe and well.

Following the government announcements yesterday, below I have included details about how the start of the Spring Term will work at Ark St Alban's Academy.

1. School Closure

The school will be closed to almost all pupils next week (the week commencing Monday 4th January).

Only a small number of sixth form students who have exams and centre-based assessments in January will be in school next week and these students have received a specific invitation to attend.

2. Re-opening

Pupils will return to school on the following dates:

Monday 11th January	Year 11 and Year 13
Monday 18th January	Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12

3. Remote Learning

Remote learning for Years 11 and 13 will begin on Wednesday 6th January and for pupils in Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12, it will begin on Monday 11th January. Pupils will receive an email from their head of year before 8.30am each day with further guidance and instructions.

4. Onsite Provision

If you are a keyworker and require childcare provision for your child on days where the school is due to be closed to their year group, this can be arranged by emailing info@arkstalbans.org.

In your email, please include the following:

- Your child's full name and their year group
- The nature of your current employment and your employer
- The days for which you require provision.

It cannot be guaranteed that provision will be available, but arrangements will be confirmed as soon as possible.

Please note that this provision is not available on Monday and Tuesday next week as planned training days will be continuing to take place.

5. Testing Programme

It is our intention to test every pupil before they return to school. Please look out for emails and text messages next week requesting your consent for Covid testing to take place and confirming a time at which your child should attend school to be tested.

6. Keeping In Touch

If you would like to discuss our plans for the start of term, please do email jayne.hooper@arkstalbans.org who will be happy to arrange a time for you and I to speak on the phone next week.

Kind regards,



Guy Rimmer
Principal