



Ark Charter Academy

25th June 2020

Dear parents/carers,

We wanted to update you on the latest guidance we have received from the Department for Education regarding the face to face meetings for secondary school students.

The Government guidance says that schools can invite students from any year group to attend such meetings as long as it is in keeping with wider protective measures.

This has been a very unsettling time for everyone. We know that some of our students may be anxious about coming back into school in September, some may have had relatives who have been ill with the virus, and others may have been bereaved. We feel that it is important for us to meet with our students before the end of the term so that we can understand their experiences during this period of school closure and allow us to consider the best way to meet the needs of our students so that they enjoy the return to doing learning in school.

We are not yet in a position to confirm what the arrangements are for September as we are awaiting further guidance from the Government but we will keep you updated as our planning progresses.

We are planning to hold face to face meetings with students in Year 7-Year 9 during w/c Monday 13th July. We are calling all parents to talk through these plans over the next week.

If your child is already attending our Community Classrooms for key worker and vulnerable children, they can continue to do so regardless of which year group they are in and we encourage them to attend. If your child has specific health vulnerabilities, they should not come to school. Further details are available via the gov.uk website (guidance on shielding and protecting people who are clinically extremely vulnerable from COVID-19).

In the meantime, please continue to encourage your child with their home learning.

Kind regards

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