



Mr Juan Delgado [Principal]

5th January 2021

School closure - January 2021

Dear parents / carers

As you may have heard, yesterday the government has announced that all schools must close to the majority of pupils due to the Coronavirus. As a consequence, Park Academy will close with effect from today the 5th January 2021 until further notice, possibly until after February half-term. We will keep our website updated with any information about the date of reopening. The academy will, however, remain open to provide care for the children of key workers and for vulnerable children, which includes those children who have a social worker or an Education Health Care Plan. For these children the school day will start at 8:30 and finish at 2:30. There will be no after school clubs.

If you work in any of the following jobs you are classified as a key worker:

- NHS staff
- Police
- Supermarket delivery drivers
- Supermarket staff
- Pharmacy staff
- Fire service
- Armed services
- Teachers

If this applies to you can I thank you for informing us of your wish to send your child into the academy. If you have not contacted the academy about your wish to send your child in for the foreseeable future can I ask that you contact the academy reception by phone in order to inform us so that we can make the appropriate provision. Students should attend the academy on time and enter via reception wearing their full school uniform. There will be no on site food provision so please can you ensure your child brings any food or drinks they may require for the day.

For all other students whose parents are not classified as key workers school or are not vulnerable children, the academy is closed for the foreseeable future. During the period of closure, teachers will be setting appropriate work for all students. This can be accessed in the following way:

All work will be uploaded to Google Classroom by 8.30am each Monday morning. Students are able to complete the work at a time that is convenient for them during the week. However, all work should be submitted by 3pm on Friday afternoon. Any student who is not able to access Google Classroom should inform their Academic Mentor who will arrange an alternative.

Students can contact their teacher via their Park Academy email for advice about their work during normal school hours. Students have been issued with these contact details. If any student is unable to access their account please email Googlehelp@park-aspirations.org.

Our expectations of students are that they should complete all of the work set by their teachers and should aim to work from home during normal school hours, if possible.

Even during a period of school closure, our primary concern is the safety of our pupils. We have identified Mrs Harris, a trained member of staff, who has been designated to maintain regular contact with families where there are specific student needs. The contact details are safe@park-aspirations.org.

THE PARK WAY 'We aim to empower young minds, create opportunities and deliver dreams'

During the period of closure, parents can contact the academy by phoning the reception or by emailing their child's academic mentor. If you do not have the contact details for the academic mentor then email info@park-aspirations.org. It is important that this contact is only used for emergency messages and urgent queries and not for day to day contact with teachers. This address will be monitored daily by staff from the academy.

A decision about exams for students in Year 11 is yet to be fully finalised but we will ensure that we keep you informed as soon as we have further information.

Whilst my immediate concern is the health and safety of students and their families, clearly the longer-term impact is a concern too. Whilst it is too early to give a definitive answer on this, we are confident that the government is currently exploring all possible scenarios and options and we will continue to be involved in these discussions.

We would urge you to follow the latest government advice regarding the virus, which can be found on the government's website gov.uk/coronavirus

As we receive further information on the closure for parents it will be posted on the school website.

We wish you well during this very difficult time and look forward to seeing you all again as soon as we are able to reopen our school.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Juan Delgado', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Juan Delgado
Principal