

20th March, 2020

Dear Parents/Carer,

Re: Corona Virus Update – School Closure

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and patience at this very difficult time. The students have been an absolute credit to you all in the way they have coped with what, to all of us, is a very challenging and fluid situation.

As a school, we have all been working very hard to put in place measures that will support all of our students over the next few weeks and possibly longer. Included within this letter is the information on how students access work and how parents can support them whilst they work at home. Please support your child as much as possible with the completion of the set work.

Free School Meals

We welcome the Government's guidance around Free School Meals and students who are eligible for them. RSA Academy Arrow Vale has made the decision to purchase and supply Morrisons vouchers, which will be sent home to students' families initially for the first 2 weeks whilst we await the Government's National Voucher Scheme.

I have included a Free School Meal application form if you now require it. Please return to school or to the address detailed on the form.

Vulnerable Students/Children of Key Workers

As per Government guidance, it is important that if children can stay safely at home they should, to limit the chance of the virus spreading. That is why the Government has asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible and asked schools to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.

Therefore, RSA Academy Arrow Vale will remain open for those children of key workers and those who fall into vulnerable groups, who absolutely need to attend. Please contact the school **if** you fall into this category and are intending to send your child to school from Monday. Please contact the school office email, office@arrowvaleacademy.co.uk and detail your child's name and year number, you will also be asked to provide evidence of your key worker status.

Accessing Student's Work, Resources and Messages

Students have been set 5 hours of work for each day they are off school, not including the Easter holidays.

Details of how to access student's work and how we will communicate with students, is included with this letter and also accessible on our website <https://www.arrowvaleacademy.co.uk>. Paper copies are also available to collect from school reception.

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Student/Staff Illness

If a student is unable to study because of illness, please use your own judgement about how much work can reasonably be completed once they have recovered. If any students are diagnosed with COVID-19, please let the school know.

Similarly, some teachers may also become unwell, or need to provide care for their own family members during this period. This means they may be unable to respond to a student as promptly as they would wish.

I hope to see all our students back again soon, ready to continue with their fantastic work.

Please keep up to date with the latest Government guidance <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england> , keep as safe as possible and look after yourselves and each other at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Mellor', written in a cursive style.

Ian Mellor
Principal