

# Ramsgate Arts Primary School

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Dear Parent / Guardian,

Due to the recent announcement from the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson that all UK schools must close due to the spread of Coronavirus, we are writing to officially notify you of Ramsgate Arts School closure.

This is an extremely difficult situation which impacts us all, but we believe that the closure of schools is necessary to ensure the safety, health and wellbeing of everyone and prevent further spread of the virus.

The Prime Minister has advised that children should not be left with older grandparents or older relatives who may be particularly vulnerable to the Coronavirus.

**Vulnerable children and children of key workers will continue to be able to come into school from 8.30-3.00 and as you can understand there will be no additional Arts Curriculum time or breakfast and afterschool club. The Government will clarify what constitutes a key worker later today but these for example will include NHS staff, police and delivery drivers who need to be able to go to work. Vulnerable children include those who have a social worker and those with educational health and care plans. A questionnaire will be sent out later today by the Trust for you to complete to establish if you are a key worker.**

You will know that, at RAPS, we are determined for children to achieve their potential and no day should be lost from their education. Our staff have been working hard behind the scenes to devise a learning plan to ensure that your child still has the opportunity to continue their studies remotely. Whilst there will be challenges in continuing their education journey at home, I am sure that, if we work together, then we will be able to allow children to continue to learn whilst at home. There will be no new learning; this will mean that the children will not have to struggle to understand what they are doing, as they will be able to get on and complete it independently.

To deliver this, we will upload a pack of activities on your child's Class Blog page (go to **Your Class / Team \*\*\*\*Blog**). The Home Learning Tab can be found under Class Curriculum Map – the **password is viking**. This will then open a folder that will have various activities that your child can complete. During the school closure, staff will also Blog daily challenges encompassing English, Maths and Topic. These can also be found on the Class Blog page. A book in which to complete work and a pencil will be provided for every child to use for their home learning. In addition to the daily activities that will be set, every child should read daily using books that you have at home as well as accessing books online through Bug Club: this link can also be found on our website (**Parent Information/ Bug Club**).

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I have added your child's teacher's email address onto the website (**Your Class**) should you have any questions. They will be able to answer any questions you have regarding your child's education, but I am sure you will understand that the support they can provide will be limited. If you have any questions beyond this, then please email me at: [headofschool@ramsgateartsprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:headofschool@ramsgateartsprimaryschool.co.uk)

To support those parents who do not have access to the internet, please let your class teacher know and you can collect a pre-prepared pack from the class teacher.

As soon as we have an official date to re-open, we will communicate this with you via email and the school website. Until then, we would like to offer our very best wishes and hope that anybody affected by this unprecedented virus makes a speedy recovery.

Best wishes



Nick Budge  
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