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Dear Parents/Carers

The government has announced that schools will close on Friday. Ark Bentworth Primary Academy will remain open to all pupils until 3.30pm on Friday 20th March 2020.

School will be closed from Monday 23rd March 2020 until further notice. The only exception to this will be for the children of key workers (e.g. NHS staff, police and delivery drivers) and vulnerable children (e.g. children with social workers and EHCPs). We will let you know the process for applying for a place if your child falls into one of these categories once the key worker categories are published tomorrow.

The Department for Education has confirmed that assessments and exams will not go ahead this academic year. As soon as I have any further information about this I will be in touch.

We have put in place plans so that you can continue your child's learning at home. There will be physical packs of work for you to complete along with online resources via our secure online portal called **DB Primary**. We plan to provide your child with a new pack of work each week that the school is closed. If your child is currently in school, they will be sent home with their first pack on Friday. If you are currently at home, packs will be available for collection on Friday 20th March from 2pm-3pm. The packs will be available in the front playground so that you can maintain social distancing while on site. Additionally pencils, paper and other stationery will be available to collect if you do not already have these resources at home. You should not collect a pack personally if your family is self-isolating. If you are unable to collect your pack on Friday or arrange for someone to pick it up on your behalf, please call the office.

More information regarding supporting your child while they are at home will follow tomorrow. Along with information regarding vouchers for children eligible for free school meals.

Kindest regards

Karinne Faddy

Head of School