

19th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

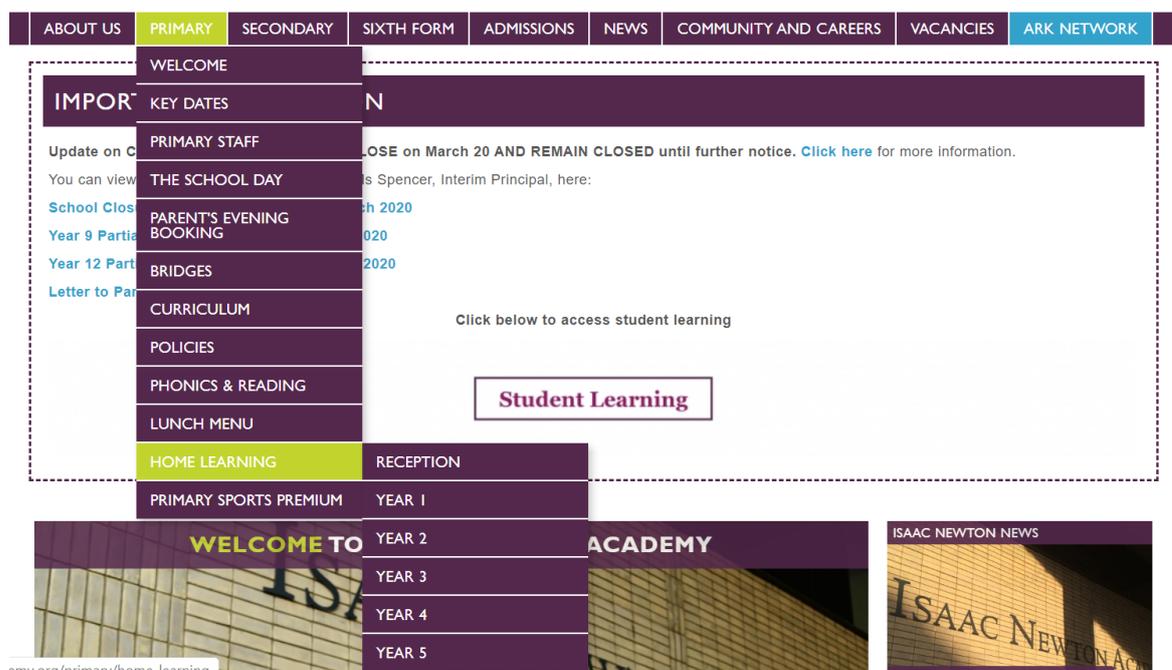
The Government has announced that all schools must close from **this Friday, March 20th, until further notice** to help stop the spread of Coronavirus.

As part of its announcement about schools, the Government also said that;

- All exams and assessments will not take place in May and June
- Schools will be open to help support the children of key workers and for vulnerable students
- Provision for food will be made for students who qualify for Free School Meals

We expect further details on how we can implement these measures in the coming days and will liaise closely with the Department for Education to ensure that we support our key worker parents and vulnerable students in the best way we can.

Our other key aim is to ensure and maintain as much stability for the students' education as possible and we have been planning for this outcome. Whilst it is not possible to fully replicate the educational experience at home, we have been working hard to put in place contingency plans to ensure students can still access their learning and teachers are able to support them with it. Learning will be set and shared through the INA website.



The screenshot shows the Isaac Newton Academy website with a navigation menu at the top. The menu items are: ABOUT US, PRIMARY (highlighted in green), SECONDARY, SIXTH FORM, ADMISSIONS, NEWS, COMMUNITY AND CAREERS, VACANCIES, and ARK NETWORK. Below the menu, there is a 'WELCOME' section with a 'Student Learning' button. The button is highlighted in a light purple box. The text next to the button says 'Click below to access student learning'. Below the button, there is a list of links for different year groups: RECEPTION, YEAR 1, YEAR 2, YEAR 3, YEAR 4, and YEAR 5. The 'HOME LEARNING' link is highlighted in green. The bottom of the page features a banner with the text 'WELCOME TO ISAAC NEWTON ACADEMY' and a photograph of the school building.



Additional Home Learning for each year group can be found on the website in the usual place under the Primary tab and then scroll down to the Home Learning tabs. This will be updated on a regular basis. The children will also be sent home tomorrow with an exercise book in which to complete any pieces of Home Learning.

While schools are closed, we should all continue to follow health guidance.

Find out how to protect yourself here: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

For further information on the government response, please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

Please also see the Parent Leaflet 'How to Stay Healthy at Home' available on the school website. We will continue to update you on any developments via email/text and with regular updates on the school website.

This is an unsettling and disruptive time for everyone and we will work together as a school and local community to face the challenging times ahead. Thank you for your support and understanding during these exceptional circumstances. If we can do anything more to help your family, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Ms Broadway
Head of Primary
Isaac Newton Academy