

# ARK ATWOOD PARENT FORUM



26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> January 2021



# Session Overview

- Provide a summary on how school is running at present
- Provide a summary of remote learning and changes since the start of term
- Take questions from parents

To support with maintaining a good connection and for the session to run smoothly, please could all parents:

- Switch off microphones
- Post questions in the chat section

# How Ark Atwood is running at present

A revised risk assessment was undertaken ahead of term opening

- Multiple measures remain in place
- Union consultations take place every half term
- Signed off by Ark Estates

Staff COVID testing is beginning this week

- This is run organised by the school but run by NHS Test & Trace
- On site staff take tests twice weekly
- It is for all staff and recognises the asymptomatic issue of COVID

Community Classroom and Nursery are open

- Numbers are significantly higher than last time
- This has implications for staffing
- Government has stated that provision is only for where there is a need

# How Ark Atwood is running at present

Devices issues to families of KS2 Children

- DfE and Ark funded but agreement is for KS2 only
- Ark exploring whether this can be extended to younger children
- Again, provision is for where there is need

Free School Meals vouchers provided for eligible families

- Weekly voucher of £15 per week per eligible child
- Queries to the office

Other points:

- Two bubbles closures in 8 months. This may rise following testing
- Reception admissions window has now closed
- Highest mobility in school's history including mid term departures
- No progress on accessing top floor

# Remote Learning Provision

- Autumn term spent designing and refining enhanced model on See Saw
- No bubble closures meant we could not trial the platform externally but children were accessing it during Computing lessons and EYFS trialled externally
- Website sets out expectations for each phase
- See Saw was chosen for the IT flexibility, to facilitate responsiveness and increased staff/child dialogue.
- No stipulated timetable to give parents flexibility so it works for them
- Provision in line with (ever changing) guidance from DfE
- Mandated daily check in, twice weekly year/whole school assemblies (one live/one recorded) and small group PSHE sessions

## Changes since start of term

- 5pm recommended staff responding deadline
- Wellbeing Wednesday (from next week)
- Friday Review (from this Friday)
- If you are struggling, class teachers are available by email



Any  
Questions?