



## Ark Atwood: Newsletter, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will be aware, the Department of Education has published the guidance for full school return in September. Each school is different and this will influence how the guidance is implemented on a local level. We are working on our plans at the moment and will be sharing further information with families next week.

At present, based on government guidance as it stands today, I can confirm:

- We will be welcoming back all children in years one to six from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September
- **Early Years** Reception and Nursery parents will have received a letter this week setting out plans for phased return later in the month – this allows time for children and families to meet their new teachers and familiarise themselves with the site ahead of their children formally joining the school.
- **School Timings** We will need to continue to stagger the start and end of the school day to ensure year groups enter separately but we will be changing how children enter the school. For families with children in different year groups, they will still need to be dropped off and collected at different times.
- **Bubble System** We expect to be moving to a system where children are in a class bubble for learning time with this expanding to a year group bubble at play times and lunchtime. Year groups will not mix at any time; sadly this will mean that we won't be able to run assemblies as we normally do and we will be looking to make greater use of the pitch. Handwashing and hygiene requirements, which have been introduced this term, will remain in place next term.
- We recognise that for some of our more vulnerable children, the safeguards in place will prove particularly challenging. We are keen to have all children in school but we reserve the right, in line with our risk assessment, to ask these children to start term following a shorter day and to increase these hours appropriately.
- **Attendance** The government has announced that attendance will be mandatory from September following the relaxing of the rules this term. A small number of pupils may still be unable to attend if they are self-isolating. Subject to a continuing decline in infection rates, shielding advice will pause from 1<sup>st</sup> August.
- **Lunches** We are hoping to run more normal lunches with children remaining in their class bubbles within the year group bubble. This will mean that parents of children in Years 3 to 6 can opt for a packed lunch if they so choose.
- **Breakfast/After School Club** We will not be running Breakfast or After School Club until January at the earliest. With children attending from multiple year groups, it will not be possible to run this provision whilst maintaining the integrity of the bubble system. There will also no facility for late collection. We recognise that this will be challenging for some families who rely on this aspect of our provision but hope you understand our reasoning.
- **Uniform** Children will be expected to return to school wearing full school uniform. Our uniform providers have informed the school that **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July is the deadline for placing uniform orders for September**. See website for uniform details.

Further information will be published next week and ahead of school reopening in September.

Best Wishes

James Evelyn  
Headteacher, Ark Atwood Primary Academy

### Holiday Homework

Come and collect holiday homework from outside the back gate between 1pm and 2pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July.

### Library Books

Over 1,000 library books are currently out with families. The book return box will be at the front entrance all next week and will also be available when homework is being distributed.

## Class Teachers 2020/21

Three teachers are sadly leaving Atwood this summer – Ross Mackenzie, Ben Carroll and Hannah Moffat. Ross and Ben have been members of the Atwood team for a long time – Ross is joining a school much nearer to where he lives in east London and Ben is moving to Spain. Hannah Moffat is returning to her home town of Middlesbrough. We wish them all the very best for the future and thank them for their contributions to Atwood.

Confirming the teaching allocation for 2020/21:

Year Group & Class	Teacher	2019/20 Cohort
Nursery	Vanessa Otero	
Reception: India	Carmen Alcazar	
Reception: Mexico	Jacqueline Stewart	
Year One: Italy	Hannah Schofield	Mexico
Year One: France	Yeli Gbeworo	India
Year Two: Barbados	Ellie Harris	France
Year Two: China	Natalie Sew	Italy
Year Three: Norway	Kelly Bernstein	China
Year Three: Belgium	Sinead McLoughlin	Barbados
Year Four: Brazil	Jane Noonan	Belgium
Year Four: Ghana	Amelia Buchanan	Norway
Year Five: Spain	Puja Nair	Brazil
Year Five: Greece	Laura Johnson	Ghana
Year Six: Canada	Emma Helliwell	Spain
Year Six: Australia	Lara Brown	Greece

## Sports



We have been awarded the school games badge in recognition of our commitment to delivering great sporting opportunities to all students. Thank you to Mr Mackenzie and Mr Carroll who have attended multiple tournaments this year across the borough.

## Summer Activities

There is lots happening locally over the summer holidays. Here is a selection of activities that you may want to access.

### **The Avenues Youth Project**

3-7 Third Avenue, London, W10 4RS

Tel: 020 8969 9552

<https://www.avenues.org.uk/whats-on/>

Restricted face to face service from 10:00 - 13:00 for children aged 8 - 12 years includes a free hot lunch and snacks.

Activity camps include dance, football, cooking and require booking in advance via: [info@avenues.org.uk](mailto:info@avenues.org.uk)

### **Kensington and Chelsea Nature Activities**

<https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/subsites/wildlife/events.aspx>

On-going online programme of informative talks and walks on environment and wildlife topics and open days in the wildlife areas of London parks led by the borough gardeners, experts and education team.

Free

### **Rugby Portobello Trust (W11) / P3**

<https://twitter.com/rugbyportobello>

Online workshops for creative writing and film making advertised via Twitter.

Free

### **Westminster City Lions**

<https://citylions.org/whats-on-in-westminster/>

Online Creative and Careers based activities that include Zoom sessions with Westminster based creatives.

For example, the team of CBBC Newsround, BBC Producers and musicians.

Free

### **Microsoft London**

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/flagship-microsoft-store-in-london-30295105598>

Virtual Computing Camps: *Hour of Code: Minecraft (8+)* and *Make your own story with PowerPoint and Word*

Free

### **Oak National Academy**

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/>

Online classes and activity clubs recommended by the Department for Education.

Free

### **My Little Boarders**

<https://mylittleboarders.co.uk/>

[info@mylittleboarders.co.uk](mailto:info@mylittleboarders.co.uk)

One to one and small group Skateboard lessons. Holiday clubs in NW1 and W2.

Enquire for prices.

### Young Film Academy

<https://www.youngfilmacademy.co.uk/>

Remote directing and film courses/summer camp for households  
£90+ per household for multi-day course.

### Riva Learning: Summer Coding camps

<https://www.rivalearning.com/online-learning>

Online coding camps with personal tutors.  
£200+ for weeklong course.

### Funtech Coding

<https://funtech.co.uk/school-shutdown>

Online coding camps with personal tutors.  
£475 for 10-day course.

### Karate with Sensei Nigel Vidal

Contact Eleanor Vidal [E.Vidal@arkatwoodprimary.org](mailto:E.Vidal@arkatwoodprimary.org)

Karate lessons available via Zoom and outside in Queen's Park  
Enquire for prices

### Speak Up! Drama and Online Club

<http://www.speakupuk.co.uk/>

[info@speakupuk.co.uk](mailto:info@speakupuk.co.uk)

Zoom-based drama lessons for 5-7 and 8-11 year olds.  
£35 for the entire summer holidays (sibling discount available).

## Speak Up Drama Online Summer Holiday Club!

29th July - 19th August

WHEN: EVERY WEDNESDAY

AGE:

5 - 7 YEARS

TIME: 11AM - 12PM

AGE:

8 - 11 YEARS

TIME: 12.30PM - 1.30PM

COST: £35 FOR THE MONTH  
(SIBLINGS DISCOUNT)

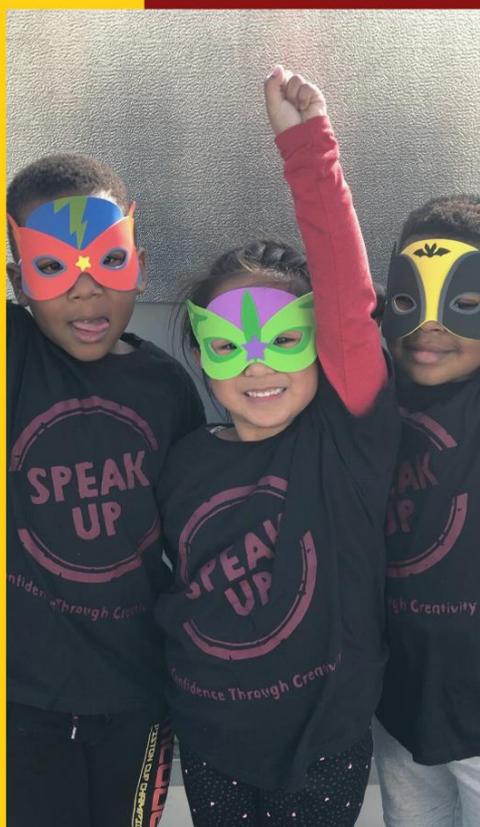
WHERE: ZOOM

SCRIPT WRITING,  
DEVISING PLAYS, DANCE  
AND  
SO MUCH MORE!

WE WILL ALSO BE JOINED BY SPECIAL GUESTS  
FROM THE INDUSTRY WHO  
WILL SHARE THEIR ACTING SKILLS AND TIPS  
WITH THE CHILDREN!

TO BOOK AND TO FIND OUT MORE  
PLEASE EMAIL ME (TERI) AT  
[info@speakupuk.co.uk](mailto:info@speakupuk.co.uk)

[www.speakupuk.co.uk](http://www.speakupuk.co.uk)



# Term dates 2020-21



- School days
- School holidays
- Bank holidays
- Ark inset days
- School inset days

## September

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