



Ark Atwood: Newsletter, Friday 18th September

Dear Parents and Carers

Next week we look forward to welcoming our Reception and Nursery children to Atwood. Over the last two weeks, the Early Years team have been busy meeting our new families, introducing them to the school and completing all the registration formalities. Whilst it will be fantastic to have all year groups back in school, it will also mean that there are significantly more children arriving and departing at the start and end of the day. A big thank you from the school team to all of you for helping to make this process smoother and quicker. I think we have come a long way in a short time but we still need all parents to support particularly at the end of the day by following these three steps:

1. If you arrive early for your slot, please stand away from the lining up areas, distanced from other parents, until called forward by a school leader.
2. Line up in the allocated yellow box when called forward (please do not wait in the large yellow box)
3. Say your child's name clearly to the class teacher when you get to the front of the line.
4. When you have collected your child, please move swiftly away to avoid congestion

Next week, we will be hosting virtual parent forums for KS1 and KS2 parents. These will provide an opportunity for us to share more information about how school is running at this time, the precautions we have in place and, of course, to answer any questions you may have. The sessions will be held on Zoom. Details as follows:

KS1 Parent Forum - Thursday 24th September (9.30am)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87023539910?pwd=OGtTIVl0WlRtSTROVEQxSGlMaWFWVUT09>

Meeting ID: 870 2353 9910

Passcode: 394706

KS2 Parent Forum – Friday 25th September (9.30am)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87976581982?pwd=NXlvZndXMnF0R0w2VHFRb3JzbjZ5dz09>

Meeting ID: 879 7658 1982

Passcode: 790308

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best Wishes

James Evelyn

Headteacher, Ark Atwood Primary Academy

School Meals

Owing to some issues with our food suppliers, we have had to make some changes to our school lunches next week. Details:

- Monday: remains the same
- Tuesday: Spaghetti Bolognese will be replaced with vegetable pasta and garlic bread
- Wednesday: remains the same
- Thursday: Lamb curry will be replaced by chicken curry
- Friday: remains the same

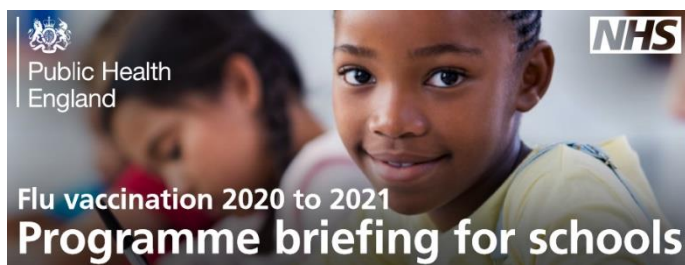
Please contact the office if you have any questions.

Year 6 Secondary Transition

We wrote to all Year 6 parents this week reminding them that the window for secondary school applications is now open. The deadline for applications is **Sunday 31st October**. A copy of the letter, along with further information, is on the Atwood website here: <https://arkatwoodprimary.org/admissions/transferring-secondary-school>

Flu Vaccination

The government has announced that the flu vaccination programme in schools is going ahead this term and will be available to all children in primary school and Year 7. The government has published a briefing paper with further information. This can be found via the link below:



https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/902790/Flu_vaccination_programme_briefing_for_school_team_and_headteachers.pdf

This is the seasonal vaccination which also took place during the autumn term last year. We are awaiting guidance from the local health care team regarding our specific school arrangements and will be in touch with the details when they have been confirmed.

Curriculum Maps and Timetables

Parents will have now received updated curriculum maps and timetables for this academic year – these are also saved on the ‘curriculum’ section of the Atwood website.

As mentioned previously, we are keen to provide a full curriculum this year as far as possible. As you will be aware, we do use external organisations and teachers for some areas and these may have been paused temporarily or have transferred online. All these areas are being kept under review and we are hoping to reintroduce certain areas when possible

With the COVID constraints we are facing, timetables have been particularly challenging this year as we look to ensure all year groups have break times and PE sessions.

Welcome to Reception and Nursery Children

We are looking forward to welcoming our Nursery and Reception children back next week. As always, this will be a phased start. The timings below set out how we are going to run this phased start.

Nursery	Reception
Monday 21st Sept: full time & Globe 1 children with surnames A – G attend from 10.00am to 12.00pm	Monday 21st Sept: children who attended Atwood nursery attend for the morning session
Monday 21st Sept: full time & Globe 1 children with surname H – Z attend from 1.00pm to 3.00pm	Monday 21st Sept: children who did not attend Atwood nursery attend for the afternoon session
Tuesday 22nd Sept: full time & Globe 1 children with surname A – G from 8.50am (revised Nursery start time for the autumn term) until 3.15pm	Tuesday 22nd Sept: children who attended Atwood nursery from 8.50am (revised Reception start time for the autumn term) until 3.20pm
Tuesday 22nd Sept: full time & Globe 1 children with surname H – Z from 10.00am until 3.15pm	Tuesday 22nd September: children who did not attend the Atwood nursery attend from 10.00am until 3.20pm
Wednesday 23rd Sept: full time children attend from 8.50am until 3.15pm.	Wednesday 23rd September: all children attend from 8.50am until 3.20pm
Wednesday 23rd Sept: Globe 1 children attend from 8.50am until 11.30am	
Wednesday 23rd Sept: Globe 2 children attend from 1.00pm until 3.15pm	