



**Ark Atwood  
Reception Open Days**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October (9.30am)  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November (9.30am)  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January (9.30am)

*Email the Office to book your place  
info@arkatwoodprimary.org*

### Reception Open Days

If you know any families who are looking for a Reception place for their child for September 2022, please let them know about our Open Days. These sessions will be an opportunity to find out more about the school and to meet the Headteacher and Early Years Lead.

## Ark Atwood: Newsletter, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed the parent information sessions that have taken place over the last week or so and that any questions you had were answered. Please remember that you can always speak to teachers on the gate (ideally at the start of day when it is a little easier) or can arrange an appointment through the office. We have some other parent sessions coming up next week:

- **Parent Forum: Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September (9.00am – arrive at Back Gate)** – all parents welcome. I will update parents on school news, there will be a chance to meet our new Chair of Governors and for new parents to meet the Friends of Atwood team and get involved
- **Y6 Residential: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September (8.00am – arrive at Main Entrance)** – we will be sharing all the information about the Year 6 residential which is taking place next June.
- **Y3 Digital Strategy: Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September (3.00pm – arrive at Main Entrance)** – the Ark Schools Digital Strategy is being rolled out to Year 3 children with all children receiving a device to support learning at home. Find out more information at this session

We look forward to seeing lots of you at these sessions. If you are unable to attend but would like an update, do get in touch.

**Pupil Voice** Pupil Voice is an important part of our school and ensures that the children have a voice in decisions and changes that are made. As you will be aware, we have House Captains for each of our Houses along with two Class Ambassadors for each class. Both the House Captains and School Ambassadors form the School Council which begins meeting with Mr Townsend each week starting next week.

A change we are making this year is to our Prefects. To support the children in pursuing their interests and to help them have greater impact, we have created six different areas of responsibilities:

- Arts Prefect
- Behaviour Prefect
- Environment Prefect
- Inclusion Prefect
- Leadership Prefect
- Learning Prefect

Each area has a role specification (see Environment Prefect on the right) and the Year 6 children were invited to write a letter of application for the post they were interested in setting out their plans and ideas. Each post has a Senior Leader supporting the post holder with prefects coming together for meetings every three weeks.

As always there were lots of applications, great interviews and a significant challenge in deciding who to appoint. I am delighted to confirm our new prefects are:

- Arts Prefect: Indigo
- Behaviour Prefect: Jas
- Environment Prefect: Jamie
- Inclusion Prefect: Saan
- Leadership Prefect: Atticus
- Learning Prefect: Yusra

Have a great weekend.

Best Wishes



James Evelyn  
Headteacher, Ark Atwood Primary Academy



## Environment Prefect

The Environment Prefect is responsible for feeding back on issues to do with the school site as well as looking into how environmentally friendly and sustainable the school is.

### This role includes:

- Feeding back on issues/concerns with the school site
- Reviewing the school's approach to sustainability and suggesting areas for improvement
- Looking into opportunities for the school to be more environmentally friendly (funding will be available to support with implementing ideas)
- Being a Champion for the Environment

As well as this area of responsibility, the Environment Prefect will also attend Prefect Meetings with the Headteacher and other prefects to feed back and contribute to discussions regarding other areas.

As with all other prefects, the Environment Prefect would lead by example and demonstrate all the Atwood Values in everything he/she does.



## We Are Recruiting – Premises Assistant

We are still looking to appoint a Premises Assistant to join the team. This is an exciting opportunity to join the team and help look after our site. Full details are on the Atwood website here:

<https://arkatwoodprimary.org/vacancies>.

If you know anyone who would be interested, do let them know. If you or they have any questions, please contact Mr Evelyn.

## Parent/Teacher Book Club

The Book Club for parents and teachers will recommence again this term on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October. The Venue is The Prince Alfred on Formosa Street from 6.30pm.

The book for discussion this time is 'Piranesi' by Susan Clarke - all are very welcome even if you haven't gotten round to reading it.

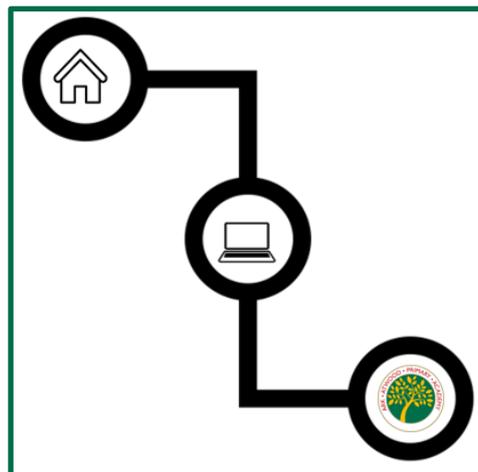
Contact for any queries is Evelyn Hayes at [hayes\\_evelyn@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:hayes_evelyn@yahoo.co.uk).



## Ark Digital Strategy – Year Three

The Ark Schools Digital Strategy provides all children in an Ark school in Year 3 and upwards with a Chromebook to use for learning at home (including weekly homework). This device will be provided by the school, for exclusive use for schoolwork and independent learning and parents will not need to make a financial contribution.

All pupils in Year 3 will be provided with a Chromebook before half term. If you do not have the internet at home, we will look to support with this too. Therefore, if you are considering buying your child/children a device to support their schoolwork in the coming weeks and months, we would urge you not to. It is important to note, however, that the Chromebook is for schoolwork only, so your child/children will not have access to games or social networking sites on the device.



**Distribution Process** To begin the process, we will be running a Parent Meeting to share more information so that you are clear about the use of the laptop at home and can ask any questions you may have. **The Parent Meeting will be held at 3.00pm on Thursday 30th September.** On this same day, children will be introduced to their new device and will come home with the Home School Agreement for you to sign. (The Agreement must be signed for the device to be released).

If you want to find more about the Digital Strategy ahead of the Parent Meeting, please have a look at the Atwood website here: <https://arkatwoodprimary.org/life-school/home-digital-learning>.

I am sure you will have lots of questions which we can answer at the Parent Meeting. If you would like to ask questions at this stage, please contact Miss Harris (e.harris@arkatwoodprimary.org).

## Westminster Online Classes

Westminster City School are again running their popular online masterclasses at the weekend starting on 2<sup>nd</sup> October.



### Online Masterclasses for Years 4-6

Free fun online masterclasses to inspire young people at the weekend

- Starts Saturday 2 October, with morning and afternoon slots
- Age-appropriate one-hour masterclasses on Zoom
- Run by Westminster City School teachers
- Subjects covered include maths, music, science and Spanish

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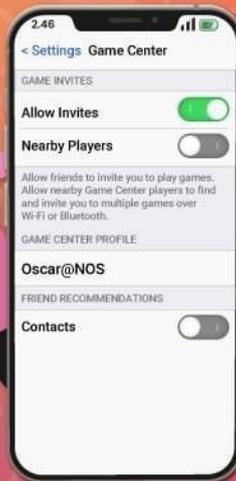
# E-Safety

We share E-Safety information with parents in the Atwood newsletter. This is to help you in ensuring that your child can use technology safely. Please read the following information.

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit [www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com) for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

## How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS iPhone

Apple devices come with built-in apps already available: Mail, FaceTime and Safari, for example. However, you can choose which apps and features appear on your child's device and which ones don't. You can also manipulate the features in Game Centre to enhance your child's safety and privacy when playing games, as well as blocking iTunes or App Store purchases if you wish.



### How to Restrict Built-in Apps/Features

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Allowed Apps (you may need to toggle this to 'on' at the top)
- 5 Enable or disable the apps you wish to appear (or disappear) on your child's device

### How to Restrict Game Centre

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap Content Restrictions (you may need to switch the toggle at the top to the 'on' position)
- 5 Scroll down to Game Centre
- 6 Choose between Allow, Don't Allow, or Allow with Friends Only in the settings for each feature

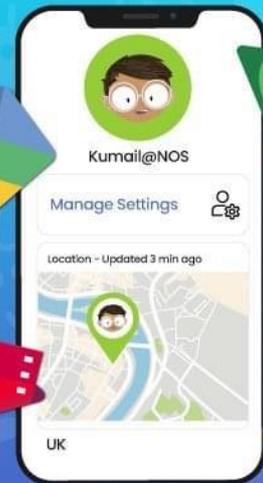
### How to Restrict iTunes & App Store Purchases

- 1 Open Settings
- 2 Tap Screen Time
- 3 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 4 Tap iTunes & App Store Purchases
- 5 Select Allow or Don't Allow for each feature (you can also lock these settings with a password)



# How to Set up PARENTAL CONTROLS for APPS on an Android Phone

On Android phones, restricting access to particular apps usually requires going onto Google Play. From there, it's fairly easy to navigate your way through the settings to manage the parental controls and authentications relating to any apps on the device. These features can prevent your child from downloading or buying anything unsuitable for their age. Updated versions of apps or games that your child has already installed may occasionally contain something inappropriate, so we've explained how to stop those, too.



## How to Block App Downloads (This Also Disables In-app Purchases):

- 1 Open Google Play Store
- 2 Tap the profile icon in the top right
- 3 Tap Settings
- 4 Scroll down to the Family section and tap Parental controls
- 5 Toggle 'Parental controls are off' to 'Parental controls are on'
- 6 Create a PIN and tap OK
- 7 Confirm your PIN and tap OK again
- 8 Tap Apps & Games
- 9 Set the age limit you wish to set
- 10 Tap Save to apply your changes

## How to Stop Auto-updates

- 1 Open Google Play Store
- 2 Tap the profile icon in the top right
- 3 Tap Settings
- 4 Tap Auto-Update Apps
- 5 Select 'Don't auto-update apps' and then tap Done

## Restricting Apps Through Google Family Link

- 1 Open Google Play Family Link for parents
- 2 Tap the three horizontal lines in the top left
- 3 Select your child's account
- 4 Tap Manage
- 5 Tap Controls on Google Play
- 6 Tap Apps & Games
- 7 Select the age limit you wish to set

