



## **Ark Atwood: Newsletter, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**

Dear Parents and Carers

We are looking forward to welcoming children back tomorrow after what I hope was a relaxing and enjoyable half term for you all.

**Changes** As half term began, I mentioned in the newsletter that we would be making a few tweaks to our provision going forward. At present, this will just be one change regarding the start of day for children in Key Stage Two. At the start of the day, children will still line up in the same place and at the same time as before outside the school gates.

However, in the case of Key Stage Two, the following will happen on entering the site:

- Year Six children will go up the main stairs and straight to their classroom
- Year Five children will line up in the playground as before
- Year Four children will go up the back stairs and straight to their classroom
- Year Three children will go up the yellow stairs, through the hall and straight to their classroom

This change will help us to maximise learning time without any year groups mixing. Staff from each year group will be on hand to ensuring children go the correct way.

**Staffing** Miss Johnson, Year 5 Greece Class Teacher, is currently isolating in line with government requirements following her partner receiving a positive COVID test. She will continue to support the team remotely with lesson planning. The Year 5 team, along with our cover teacher, Mr Bowden, will support in her absence. We send our best wishes to Miss Johnson and her partner and look forward to seeing her back at school soon. Also, Miss Thomson is still recovering from foot surgery and is working from home. Please email her directly if you have any questions or concerns for her.

**Parents** We still need your help at the start and, in particular, the end of the day. We have asked parents to wear a face covering and to distance appropriately. I have spoken to a number of parents who have not been wearing a mask who have told me that this is because they are exempt. This, of course, is fine but please can I ask that you therefore take additional care and do all you can to ensure sufficient distancing from other adults and children.

Thank you for your support and for playing your part in helping our school to remain fully open. If you do have any questions or would like to speak to me about this or any aspect of school life, do come and talk to me on the school gate or contact the school office who will be able to schedule a phone call or meeting.

Best Wishes

James Evelyn  
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