



Ark Atwood: Newsletter, Friday 4th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

I want to get in touch with one final message before children in years one to six return on Monday. We are looking forward to welcoming children back but I must emphasise the important role that parents have to play in our safe re-opening.

Individual Circumstances If your child/children have any medical conditions that make them vulnerable when returning to school during this time, please contact the office immediately so that we can carry out a risk assessment and put measures in place to ensure they are safe.

Start of Day It is essential that parents and children respect distancing requirements at the start of the day and do not crowd around the gate in close proximity to one another. Senior leaders will be in place to support but it is essential that we remain distanced at all times. Children will enter the back gate and line up in their classes. Class adults will then provide hand sanitizer to all children. I am afraid we are not able to store scooters and/or bicycles on site at this time.

| Time | Year Group | Location |
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| 8.30am | Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 | Back Gates Children will enter the site and line up in their classes before transitioning inside. Parents remain off site. |
| 8.40am | Years 1 & 2 | |
| 8.50am | Reception | |
| 8.50am | Nursery | Front Entrance Children line up along the wall towards Harrow Road. Parents remain off site. |

End of Day As you can see from the tables below, we also have a staggered end of day. Again, it is essential that parents arrive punctually to collect their child. If you arrive early, please stay back so that parents collecting can line up along the walls as set out below. Distancing requirements should be followed.

End of Day – Collection Points

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| Children will be released at the end of the school day by year group. Parents should line up in the area identified below at the designated time. | | | |
| 3.20pm: Y6 Canada 3.25pm: Y5 Spain 3.30pm: Y4 Brazil 3.35pm: Y3 Norway 3.40pm: Y2 China 3.45pm: Y1 France | 3.20pm: Y6 Australia 3.25pm: Y5 Greece 3.30pm: Y4 Ghana 3.35pm: Y3 Belgium 3.40pm: Y2 Barbados 3.45pm: Y1 Italy | 3.20pm: Reception India | 3.15pm: Nursery 3.20pm: Reception Mexico |
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Lunches will be returning to something closer to normal but with some hygiene and distancing measures introduced; packed lunches can now be brought in by children in Key Stage Two.

In a few weeks, once term is under way, we will begin permitting Year Six children to walk home alone with the consent of the school and the family.

Finally, please note that we have had to change some of our school policies in recognition of the current guidelines. Addendums to our Behaviour and Attendance policies have been published and can be found on the Atwood website under the 'policies' tab. I recommend talking your child through the Behaviour Addendum before Monday so they are clear how our revised procedures will work. Of course, these will also be discussed in class on Monday.

Have a great weekend.

Best Wishes

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