



Ark Atwood: Newsletter, Friday 5th March

Dear Parents and Carers

The time has finally come to welcome all children back to school. We're really looking forward to seeing you all on Monday as we start out, once again, on the road back to normality. I have spoken to several parents this week and am aware that one of the main concerns is collection time and the need for parents to wear a face covering or, if exempt, to maintain distancing. **I cannot stress enough the importance of this in ensuring that everything runs smoothly.**

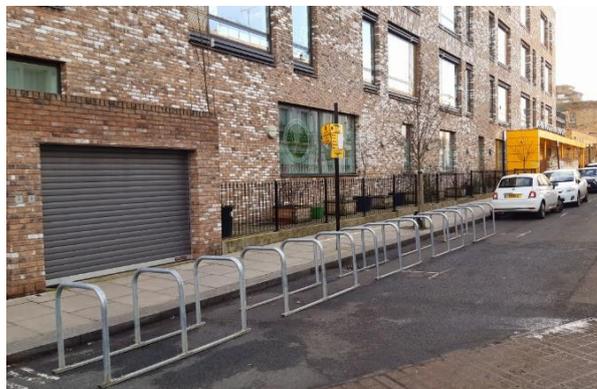
Cycling As you will know from previous correspondence, Westminster City Council has installed new bike racks outside the school. These have yet to be used but now that we are returning, please start using these as we are still not able to store bicycles/scooters on site and we all want to encourage families not to take unnecessary car journeys.

Attendance All children are expected to return to school on Monday. If there are any circumstances that mean your child will not be returning, please contact the office or myself. Formal See Saw learning ends today. If your child is off school for COVID related reasons (eg shielding, isolating, quarantine etc), their class teacher will send a weekly email with learning objectives being covered in class that week for you to then access on Oak National Academy.

Face Masks Until the end of term, as a minimum, I am asking staff members to wear face masks in communal areas as an extra precaution as we seek to do all we can to keep everything running smoothly. **Please inform your child of this ahead of Monday so they know to expect it.** There is no requirement for children to wear a face mask on site.

Uniform We expect children to be in full school uniform on Monday. Our uniform supplier is open and can provide any additional uniform required. Details: Urban Apparel, 373 Harrow Road, London, W9 3NA (Tel: 020 8964 2743). Our Uniform Policy is on the website here: <https://arkatwoodprimary.org/uniform>.

If your child/children has 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.** Please also inform the school office if you have received a letter asking your child to shield during this period.



Atwood Devices

Over this lockdown period, we have loaned out 77 devices to families with IT issues that prevented children accessing remote learning. The original agreement asked for these laptops be brought back in when we return on Monday. **However, so that we are prepared for any further disruption, we are happy for you to keep these devices at home.** I will be in touch with further information later in the term. Data from Ark shows that a number of these devices have not been used for a few weeks; I will be in touch with these families to discuss this.

Please take good care of the devices and remember to keep hold of the box and packaging.

Timings Timings and locations for all year groups were shared in last week's newsletter but are included below by way of a reminder.

Start of Day Drop Off			
8.30am: Year 4 8.40am: Year 2 8.50am: Reception Mexico	8.30am: Year 3 8.40am: Year 1 8.50am: Reception India	8.30am: Year 5	8.30am: Year 6 8.50am: Nursery
			
			

End of Day Collection			
3.30pm: Y4 Brazil 3.35pm: Y3 Norway 3.40pm: Y2 China 3.45pm: Y1 France	3.30pm: Y4 Ghana 3.35pm: Y3 Belgium 3.40pm: Y2 Barbados 3.45pm: Y1 Italy	3.20pm: Reception India 3.40pm: Year 5 Spain 3.45pm: Year 6 Canada	3.15pm: Nursery 3.20pm: Reception Mexico 3.40pm Year 5 Greece 3.45pm: Year 6 Australia
			
			

PE Children will have two timetabled PE sessions each week. Children should come to school in their PE kit on the specified days (PE will begin straight away from Monday 8th March):

Reception	Monday, Thursday & Friday (Mexico) Monday, Wednesday & Friday (India)
Year One	Tuesday & Friday
Year Two	Tuesday & Friday
Year Three	Monday & Friday
Year Four	Wednesday & Thursday
Year Five	Tuesday & Wednesday (Spain) Tuesday & Thursday (Greece)
Year Six	Monday & Wednesday

All that remains is for me to wish you a great weekend. Ensure your children get lots of rest and are refreshed and ready for school on Monday. Can't wait!

Best Wishes

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Ark Parent Survey

We know that the experience of lockdown and impact of COVID on family life and your child's education has been varied across households, and we wanted to provide you with the opportunity to reflect on this time. We hope to be able to use the feedback that you share in order to support your child and your family better. To help us with this, we're working together with the Edurio survey platform.

To complete the survey, please click here: <https://edurio.com/teacher/poll/9oGXiv>

Surveys are completely anonymous and confidential, though the responses will be aggregated for the purpose of analysis. **The survey will be available until Sunday, March 21.**

If you have any questions or concerns please be in touch.

World Book Day – 4th March 2021

Yesterday was the annual World Book Day – a chance to celebrate and indulge in all things book related. As always, the Atwood community went the extra mile with wonderful costumes and all sorts of activities – a selection of pictures are contained in the collage below.

It was frustrating that this dates fell during the period of school closure so we have **decided to partially repeat World Book Day next Friday 12th March** and children are invited to come in again wearing their World Book Day costumes.

