



Ark Conway Primary Academy

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Head's Message

Welcome Back – Again

After another long wait we have re-opened our doors to some more of our children this week. This week we have seen the return of some of our Year 1 and Year 6 children. Again, we are thrilled to see you back and we have really missed your smiles around school.



I would again like to thank you all for being so understanding and supportive of everything we are doing to help get the children back to school. It's a difficult process and requires a lot of planning, but your support has helped all of the careful planning translate into a successful return.

I am acutely aware that there are children in other year groups who would also love to return to school. We are working very hard to make this happen, when the time is right. Although the government has announced the abolition of plans for all children to return to school before the summer break, ministers have also voiced that they would like schools to try and bring others back if they can. I would like to reassure all of you that we are working on a number of plans to do this, but only if we can do it safely and within the guidelines. As always, I will write to you again when I have more news.

Please remember that our community classroom is still open for children of key-workers, or those who are deemed vulnerable and not in years Reception, 1 or 6. If you would like a place then please contact the office on 020 3249 1180 or email info@arkconwayprimary.org Booking is essential.

Important Changes – Reception, Year 6

From Monday 15th June there will be only be one Reception class opening. As we have had less than 15 parents confirm their children's return before September, we are going to make one class of up to 15 children led by Miss Harris and Miss Barlow. In line with the current guidance, no more than 15 children will be in this class, and both teachers will be restricted to this class only.

Please make sure you have had a place confirmed before turning up at school, as we are unable to accept any children who are not booked into the class. All children who have attended Reception Class in the last week are still welcome to continue attending. I will write to all Reception parents separately with more detail.

From Monday, we are expecting more than 15 Year 6 children. Under the current rules, this means we will need to have 2 Year 6 classes. In order to do this, the current class will be split into 2 separate classes taught by Miss Bridges and Mr Okocha. Further information will be sent separately to year 6 parents.

Story Time

Although we are not currently able to open up full class provision for all year groups, we may be able to invite some children on to the school site, in a socially distanced manner.

In order to start helping children prepare for returning to school we are thinking of inviting groups of children for an hour at a time on to the playground, in a socially distanced manner, to hear a story and perhaps ask questions about their home learning.

I'll be sending more details and invitations out early next week, starting with year 5. If all goes well, I'll be inviting other year groups to follow.

Drop Off and Collection

Thank you to all the parents who have been so great at following our new routine. A quick reminder that the front gate is the only entrance point to the school, and that you should exit through the side gate after walking through the playground. Please do try to stick to the correct drop-off and pick-up times. I've included them again for information.

Reception Drop Off 9.00am

Reception Collection 2.45pm

Year 1 Drop Off 9.15am

Year 1 Collection 3.00pm

Year 6 Drop Off 8.45am

Year 6 Collection 3.15pm

Community Classroom Drop Off 8.30am

Community Classroom Collection 3.15pm

Guidance

During these unusual times, it is essential that we are all sticking to the guidance. I have included the link for what to do in the case of suspected or confirmed cases of Covid-19 [here](#).

It is also essential that parents let the school know if their children are classed as [Clinically Extremely Vulnerable](#) or [Clinically Vulnerable](#). Guidance can be found by clicking on each category.

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