



ARUNDEL COURT PRIMARY ACADEMY & NURSERY



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Friday 17th July 2020

Dear parents and carers,

The summer term is now coming to an end after an undeniably challenging few months for our school community.

We really are looking forward to having all the children back, benefitting from everything that school has to offer and moving forward with their learning.

We have missed having everyone under one roof and can't wait to have the classrooms buzzing once more and see school friends reunited and able to learn in each other's company again.

When term begins in September, our first priority will be helping pupils settle back into school life, as well as looking after their health and emotional wellbeing.

Our dedicated Arundel Court team have been working hard to prepare the school for the new academic year with a fun and engaging curriculum. We're also confident in the steps we're taking to keep pupils as safe as possible, while making sure the school day and classroom environment feels familiar and normal for everyone.

I have been so pleased to see how eagerly and quickly the pupils we've welcomed back this term have settled following long periods at home. It underlines how resilient children are and how well they can cope with change given the right support and environment.

As part of our school community, I hope you will see us as a source of support as well as learning when we return in September. I don't want any child to feel like they can't join us for the new school year, so if you have any concerns please do feel free to contact the school on arundeli@arundelcourt.com or email the class teacher. If appropriate, we can work with you to create an individual 'Welcome Back Plan' for your child.

We will keep you updated with the specific steps we're taking to observe local and national guidelines on the coronavirus pandemic via our Website/Twitter & Facebook. We want you to feel confident that the school is very much a safe and familiar place where your child can enjoy spending time and learning alongside their friends in their class bubble from September.

We have received further clarification from the DfE and from our CEO that we will **not be** closing on Wednesdays in the new term. We will continue to include all the protective measures as advised from Public Health England to ensure the school is COVID secure. When the children return they will remain in their protective class 'bubbles' for the majority of their time in the school.

With the increased volume of children returning back to school life in September we have decided to continue to have a 'cautious and phased return' back to the 'new normal'.

Monday 7th September	Year 1, Year 4 & Year 6 welcome back
Tuesday 8th September	Year 2, Year 3 & Year 5 welcome back (plus Y1, Y3 & Y6)
Wednesday 9th September	Year R –first day in school a.m. only & lunch (plus Years 1 to Year 6)
Thursday 10th September	Year R – a.m. & lunch (plus Years 1 to Year 6)
Friday 11th September	Year R – a.m. & lunch (plus Years 1 to Year 6)

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School Timings & entering and exiting the school site

<p>YEAR 5</p> <p>Children to come on site by themselves</p>	<p>Start time & Entrance point:</p>	<p>8.50 a.m.</p> <p>Large Hall</p>
	<p>Finish time & Pick up point:</p>	<p>3.20 p.m.</p> <p>5BG – Staircase 2 5KR – Staircase 1 5AS - Hall</p>

Managing siblings

Families with children in multiple year groups all children will start with the youngest child's timings and finish with the oldest timings. We'll work together to ensure there is an agreed and smooth routine but please bear with us as this may take a while to embed, especially as more children are expected to be in school in September.

We have staggered times at the beginning and end of the day to avoid large gatherings. Over the last few weeks when we've had more children in school this has worked brilliantly and has become a well-oiled machine, where parents have dropped children off, not hung around and left the site quickly.

There are always lots of Staff available to direct parents and children when arriving and leaving the school site in order to keep the traffic flowing on site. From September, children in Year 2 up to year 6 will be expected to come on site by themselves because of the volume of staff helping them to get to the right place at the right time. This will also help with building up children's independence.

I appreciate that this is a lot of information, again, within one letter but I like to thank you once again for your ongoing support and patience whilst we're planning and preparing the school for the new school year. We are continuing to keep to the government guidance to ensure that the 'Arundel Court family' stay as safe and happy. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions not answered by this letter. I will endeavour to keep you up to date with everything before the new school term begins on Monday 7th September 2020. Keep checking the website for information and remember to check out your child's new teacher on the 'transition' tab.

Take care, try and have a wonderful summer break and please stay safe. See you in September.

Ms Karen Stocks

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