



Ark Globe Academy

Tuesday 1 September 2020

Dear parents and carers,

RE: Arrangements for the New Academic Year

Firstly, I hope you and your family have had a great summer and managed to enjoy the excellent weather during the 6-week holiday. I am writing to you as promised in my previous letter dated 17 July with an update and further details regarding our return to full school opening from September.

As many of you will know, A levels and GCSEs examinations were significantly affected by the coronavirus pandemic; students did not sit the exams and the Government changed the process for awarding grades just days before exam results days. Despite the challenges, Ark Globe students in Year 11 and Year 13 achieved excellent results that enabled them to move on to high-quality destinations for the next part of their education. We had 4 of our Sixth Form students gain places at 'Oxbridge' and many more going to top 3rd Universities.

During the summer holidays we have provided many families with free 'breakfast bundles' to help those who have experienced financial difficulties due to Covid-19. We have also had our Year 6-7 transition week to support our new intake for them to familiarise themselves with Ark Globe Academy.

During the summer many staff have been working extremely hard to prepare the school for our students return. I am delighted to confirm that we will be re-opening for our pupils from **Monday 7 September**. This period out of school will have had a negative impact on our students, especially in terms of 'lost' learning. From September it is important that **all** students attend school to ensure that they can re-engage with their subjects and teachers and experience being part of our wonderful Ark Globe Community. In my previous letter I outlined the details of the school re-opening for September. Please see below a reminder of the start dates and times for each year group and Ark Globe Academy's amended school day:

September 2020 Student Return

Students will start to return to school from **Monday 7 September** in a phased way. Please see table below for details of the return by year group:

Year 6	Year 5	Year 4	Year 3	Year 2	Year 1	Reception
7 th Sept 8:45am	7 th Sept 8:45am	8 th Sept 8:45am	8 th Sept 8:45am	9 th Sept 8:30am	9 th Sept 8:30am	10 th Sept 8:30am

Nursey pupils will start attending from Monday 7th but in very small staggered groups. Parents have been written to, to explain the date their child will start on.

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New School Day Timing

Due to the high number of pupils entering the school playground, start times have had to be staggered.

The main changes are that **Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 pupils** will arrive at **8:30am** and will finish at **3:30pm**. Nursery pupils will start at 8:30am and finish at 11:30am (part time) or 3:30pm (full time).

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 will arrive to the academy at **8:45am** and their school day will finish at **3:45pm**.

Along with this covering letter you will find enclosed Ark Globe Academy's 'Arrangements for the New Academic Year' leaflet. The leaflet contains details of how we will operate as a school to minimise the risk of coronavirus transmission and ensure that our children are able to learn in a safe environment. Please read through the leaflet carefully and share the information with your child. As a school community we will go through the changes in detail with students when they return in September.

This has been an extraordinary time for our community and for the whole country. I, along with our staff, have missed working daily with our children and wider community and are really looking forward to welcoming our students back to the Academy. However, we all still need to be aware of and follow government guidance to ensure that we can keep the school open and reduce the spread of the coronavirus infection.

I hope the information in this letter is helpful. However, if you have any questions please feel free to contact the school on 020 7407 6877 or info@arkglobe.org.

In the meantime, I would like to thank you all for your ongoing support for our community during this time of change and hope that you and your family enjoys the last week of the summer holiday.

Yours sincerely,

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