

Arrangements for the New Academic Year

To ensure that our community remains safe there are some key changes to how the Primary school will operate in the new academic year. Please go through these with your child to ensure they are prepared for the return. We will also go through this as part of our pupil induction.

Year Group Zones: Each year group will operate in a zone. This means that pupils will not mix with other pupils in other year groups and they will have their own area of the playground for lunch and playtime. Each year group zone will have their own play equipment to use during lunch. Pupils will only eat with their year group zone. Occasionally, pupils will be educated in a specialist room or area (Art and PE etc) outside of their zone. Social distancing will be encouraged at all times.



Hand washing and hand sanitising: Upon arrival to school, pupils are encouraged to use hand sanitiser and there will be extra handwashing stations in the playground. Upon entering their classroom, pupils will be expected to sanitise their hands and there is a sanitising station in each classroom. **If your child has a serious skin condition or skin allergy you must inform us via info@arkglobe.org**



Sharing and cleaning of equipment: Each pupil will be given their own equipment pack to use and sharing of equipment will be minimised. Where specialist rooms (PE or Art) or equipment need to be shared, older pupils, alongside teachers will have to clean equipment after use with anti-bacterial spray.



Arriving to school: The large black gate on Harper Road will be used for pupils in Reception to Year 6. Nursery pupils will use the smaller red gate next to the office. The black gate will be open at **8:20am** to prevent any congestion on the pavement outside school. Only Nursery to Year 2 pupils will be allowed on site at this time. KS2 pupils will need to wait until **8:40am** outside the school. Parents will **not** be allowed on site at all unless by prior appointment. Pupils will line up on the coloured dots and will go in with their teacher.



Stairways: Our stairways are now **one way only** – the front stairs are for going ‘up’ and the back stairs are for going ‘down’. Pupils must walk only in the middle of the stairs unless using the bannister for support. This prevents pupils and staff from mixing outside their year groups bubble.



Lunchtimes: Each year group will eat together and will not be allowed outside until the majority of the year group have finished. A reduced menu will be in operation (this will be sent home on Day 1). Packed lunch can be brought in from home but no nuts, chocolate, crisps or fizzy drinks are allowed. Tables will be cleaned between year groups.



PE Lessons and PE Kit: All pupils will continue to have PE lessons. On days where pupils have PE, they must attend school in their PE kit, pupils will remain in their PE kit and will not be allowed to change.



Uniform: On days where students do not have PE, the full school uniform must be worn. A full uniform list is online www.arkglobe.org/uniform. **If you are having any issues with uniform, please contact us on info@arkglobe.org.**



Book bags: We encourage pupils to bring in Ark Globe book bags but the minimum amount should be in – reading books, reading record and homework books are the only things to be brought into school (as well as glasses if needed) – toys, pens, journals etc should not be in school at all. Pupils will not need to bring in their PE kit.



Masks: Government guidance is that face masks or coverings are not needed due to the measures being taken. However, should you have any concerns about this, please contact info@arkglobe.org.



Lessons: As far as possible, lessons will continue as normal. Pupils will be expected to engage, discuss and answer questions. However, pupils will now sit in front facing tables and at designated seats. Each pupil will be given an equipment pack for their own use.



Expectations: Our expectations of pupils continues to remain high. To accommodate new **health and safety** measures there will be some new routines in place. If pupils are unable to follow our expectations, the relevant behaviour sanctions will be issued.



Departing School: Pupils will line up in their class line at 3:30pm or 3:45pm and once we see parents, each child's name will be called. Please be patient as this process will take longer than normal.



Extra Curricular: Clubs will continue to take place from the beginning of 28th September. However, clubs will be year-group based only. Details of the clubs on offer will be sent once we return.

