



This week we opened our doors to welcome back to school all of our students once again. As you know, we have put a lot of work into ensuring your child can return safely and with confidence. I am pleased to say that these arrangements have worked well, and I am grateful to all students, staff and parents for the way they have made them work.

We will, of course, need to remain vigilant and cautious throughout the term, particularly as winter approaches. But I believe that this week has shown how we can ensure that our students get the education they deserve whilst minimising the risks to them and to others during this pandemic.

I will keep in touch to ensure you have further information about how we are helping our students with additional digital, academic and mental health support as they return to full-time studies.

Thank you for your co-operation and support at this unique time and please do get in touch if you have any concerns you wish to raise regarding the arrangements we have put in place.

Road safety and parking

While we all get used to the return to school, the roads around the Academy remain as busy as ever and there have already been some problems with cars being parked illegally and in a way that is dangerous to our families who are walking into school. Please remember to park in a safe, legal and considerate manner. If you are having trouble finding a parking space, for the safety of all, please try to park in one of the quieter roads around school and walk your children in, rather than parking on pavements or double yellow lines. Please also remember to use the School Crossing Patrol when crossing the busy junction of Cromer Road and Tindal Street and always hold younger children's hands when near busy roads, keeping older children close to you.

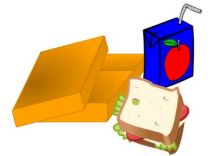


Lunches on Wednesdays

Please note that on Wednesdays, as the school will be closing early for the time being, school lunch bags will only be provided for pupils in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and those in Years 3-6 who receive Free School Meals. If you normally pay for a lunch for your child, they will not be able to take a school lunch home.

Paying for school lunches

In February 2020, in response to parent and carer requests, we moved to a cashless system for payment for school dinners, trips and school ties. As it has been some time since we used the system, we have provided all children in Years 3 and above with a parent guide for how to use the system. If you are new to the Academy and do not yet have a password, need your password to be reset, or have any problems, please contact the Academy Office by phone or email via info@arktindalprimary.org.



Welcome to our new staff!

This term, we are delighted to welcome some new staff members to the Academy. Our new teaching staff, Mr Hilpert-Smith and Miss Ahmad have settled in to working in Year 6 and Year 1 respectively. Dr Claire Smith joins us as Operations Manager, bringing her experience of working in educational settings to our Operations team.

Mrs Joy Vigers joins us as our Family Support and Designated Safeguarding Lead, and Mr Jonathan Harrison, a member of our teaching staff over the last couple of years, now joins Mrs Vigers and Mrs Mockbil to complete the Pastoral Team in his new role of Behaviour Lead. Please take a moment to welcome them to our Academy community if you see them around school!



A welcome from our SENCo

Hello, I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Mrs Bains and I am the SENCo here at Ark Tindal. This means it is my role to ensure that all pupils, including those with special educational needs, are well supported and happy. I am here to support pupils, staff and parents so please feel free to come and have a chat with me on the playground, or call the school office and ask to speak to the SENCo.



Being back at school

We asked Year 5 and 6 pupils to tell us how they have been feeling about their return to school:

Aliza (Year 5) "I felt like it was going to be a bit weird seeing all of my friends again, but actually it has felt normal and it is good to be back. My friendships have become stronger because we all missed each other. Some times it is boring to be stuck at home so coming to school makes me happy."

Yahya (Year 6) "I like being back because I get to see my friends, also I get to learn and do my work."

Ouijdane (Year 6) "It has been really good to come back to school because I have missed all of my teachers and friends. I am looking forward to all of my year 6 lessons and the new topics, especially science."

Abdo (Year 5) "The first few days of school have been amazing! I am happy about coming back to school because I get to see my friends and learn new things!"

Hassaan (Year 5) "I couldn't wait to come back to school! I like that I am back at school and can see all of my friends and start work."

Naif (Year 5) "I like my new classroom and my teacher."

Layali (Year 5) "I have enjoyed the first day of school because I have been able to catch up with my friends and the teachers!"

Meet the Senior Leadership Team

Members of the Senior Leadership Team are on the playground every day.



Mrs R Eaton

Headteacher



Miss H Francis

Deputy Headteacher



Mr A Rand

Assistant Headteacher

with responsibility for
Data and Assessment



Mrs S Bains

Assistant Headteacher

with responsibility for
Inclusion and SENCo



Mrs L Ivins

Assistant Headteacher

with responsibility for
Quality of Education

Safeguarding Information

Our Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all of its pupils. We believe that everyone has an important part to play in child protection. If you have any concerns about the wellbeing or safety of any child, please contact our Designated Safeguarding Leads, Miss Francis, Mrs Mockbil or Miss Saboor. For your information, and the Local Authority Designated Officers (LADOs) are Nora Malik, Salma Shabir and Tracey Johnson. Our Safeguarding Policy is available on the Academy website.