



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! It was wonderful to see the children on Monday as they returned to school full of smiles. There is a fabulously positive feeling around the school currently as we work towards our exam season; I know our pupils will make us proud by doing their best as they do every day. This is an exceptionally short half term and we have much to do. I look forward to your continuing support.

Closure this week

As you have probably seen on the website and our Twitter and Facebook sites, our closure this week was due to the unexpected arrival of a large swarm of bees, which settled on the outside of building, in the playground after school on Wednesday. We had hoped that they would disperse overnight, but unfortunately this didn't happen and due to the potential risk to pupils, especially any who might suffer from allergies to stings, it was necessary for the Academy to be closed while the swarm was safely removed and relocated offsite by trained professionals. We understand that an unexpected closure can be difficult for parents to accommodate, but the safety of our pupils is always paramount and every effort was made to ensure that the problem was resolved within the day.



Staffing



Mrs Zaman and Mrs Kouser are now back and have had an enjoyable and productive week in Year Three. Miss Arrowsmith is supporting in Years Two and Three and getting to know all of the pupils. We are delighted to welcome them all back to Tindal.

Parents' Evening

Over 95% of parents attended our most recent parents' evening – this is our highest ever turnout!

Thank you to everyone that came; a strong home-school partnership can have such a positive impact on the children's schooling. If you have not yet seen your child's teacher please speak to them to make an appointment.



School Meals

We have had very positive feedback following the school dinner trials at parents' evening. A big thank you to Kav and her team who worked tirelessly to prepare and serve the food. If you would like your child to try school dinners the cost is £2.30 per day for KS2 (if your child is not eligible for Free School Meals) and free in KS1 and Reception. If you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals please speak to the Office. Dinner money should be put in a sealed envelope clearly marked with your child's name, class and the amount of money enclosed and taken to the Office, where there is a black post-box specifically for dinner money. Your child then needs to tell their teacher that they are having a school dinner that day. Menus are on the website so your child can choose their favourite food.

Uniform

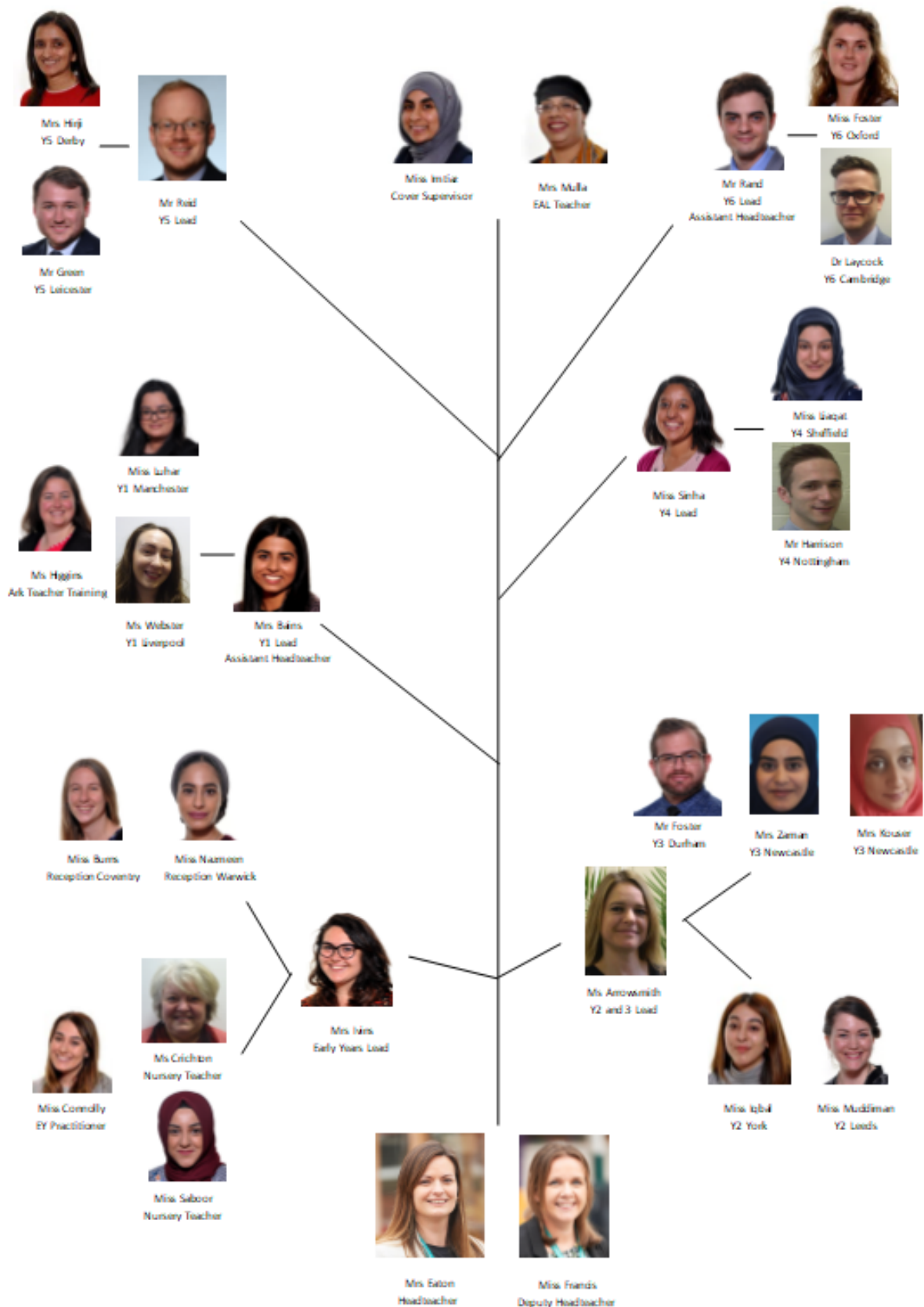
As the summer weather approaches please remember that green gingham dresses and grey shorts are an acceptable part of our uniform. Children should continue to wear tights or grey socks – no leggings. Ties do not need to be worn with summer dresses. Boots and sandals are unacceptable footwear.



Ramadan

As we approach Ramadan, please be reminded that only pupils in Year Six will be permitted to fast during school hours. We ask for your support in not permitting Year Six pupils to fast during SATs week to enable them to achieve what they are capable of.

Ark Tindal teaching staff family tree



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 Moeqbil or Mrs Inshie. For your information, our Nominated Governor is Fiona Parkes, the Chair of Governors is Julie Farr and the Local Authority Designated Officers (LADOs) are Nora Malik, Salma Shabir and Tracey Johnson. Our Safeguarding Policy is available on the Academy website.