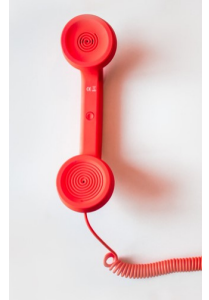




Welcome back to our returning pupils and families and a heartfelt welcome to our new starters this year! The children look so smart and it is a delight to see everyone smiling and happy to be in school. We look forward to a busy and exciting term ahead.

### Communication

Effective communication is a vital part of the relationship between the Academy and our families. If you have any questions, staff are always available on the playground at the start and end of the day, or you are welcome to contact the Academy Office who will be able to direct your enquiry to the best person to help you. It is very important that we have up to date contact details for you (2 numbers at least) should there be any problems with your child, so if you change your telephone number or address, please visit the Office to update us. We will also regularly check your information by asking you to review the details we have on record for you. We regularly send information home via text message and letters in your child's book bag, so please keep an eye out for these. Information is also uploaded onto the school website, Twitter and Facebook accounts regularly.



### Curriculum Evenings

As the children settle in to their new classes over the next few days, we would like to invite you to join us after school to meet your child's class teacher, visit their classroom and learn about the subjects that the children will be studying this year. These Curriculum meetings are very important and we encourage you to join us on the following dates for a brief 20 minute session:

- 6th September - Year 6
- 9th September - Year 1
- 10th September - Year 2
- 11th September - Year 3
- 12th September - Year 4
- 13th September - Year 5



Please come at 3:15pm as normal and wait with your child in their line to be taken to their classroom. We look forward to seeing you all.

### School dinners

At Ark Tindal we are able to offer children school dinners which are freshly cooked on the premises. We offer a varied, four week menu rota, all meat is halal, a vegetarian option, fresh fruit and salad are always available and special themed meals are organised throughout the year. You may choose each day whether your child has a school meal or brings a packed lunch, but all packed lunches should be based around a healthy diet - leaflets with suggestions for items to include are available from the Office. Hot food cannot be brought in for packed lunches and fast food is not acceptable. Please do not send your child into school with nuts as some of our children are allergic to these.

School dinners are free for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. For children in Years 3-6, school dinners cost £2.30 per meal and dinner money needs to be paid in advance at the beginning of each week, brought in an envelope marked with their name, class and the amount of money enclosed and posted in the money box in the Office.



If you receive certain benefits, you may be eligible for Free School Meals - please collect a form from the Office to enable us to check for you.

## Uniform

The children all look so smart in their uniform at the start of term! Uniform is an essential part of our school identity and therefore please expect that we will follow up all inconsistencies in uniform with parents and ask for these to be addressed immediately. Just to confirm, our expectations are as follows:

Girls: Black or grey tights or socks, grey skirt, dresses or trousers (no leggings), white shirt (not a polo t-shirt), school jumper, tie. If wearing a headscarf it must be of the pull on variety and be short in plain black or grey, plain black shoes – boots or trainers are unacceptable.

Boys: Grey trousers, black or grey socks, white shirt (not a polo t-shirt), school jumper, tie, plain black shoes – boots or trainers are unacceptable. Lines or shapes shaved into hairstyles are not part of our ethos and so must be restyled before returning to school.

Blazers must be worn in Years 5 and 6.

PE: plain black or grey tracksuit bottoms or shorts, white t-shirt, plain black or grey jumper – no hoodies. If girls wish to wear headscarf during PE they must bring a sports style one, otherwise the expectation is that the scarf will be removed for safety reasons. If a child forgets their PE kit we do have some that can be lent to them, this consists of a t-shirt and shorts. PE is a statutory subject and so if your child does not want to wear shorts they must bring their own trousers - children will not be allowed to miss PE or wear non-PE kit for the lesson.

Please ensure that you buy the correct uniform as pupils are expected to adhere to the dress code.

## Term dates

Please note the Academy term dates for this academic year are as follows:

Autumn Term: Monday 2nd September - Friday 20th December 2019

Half Term holiday: Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November 2019

INSET days (school closed): Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September, Friday 4th October, Monday 4th November 2019

Christmas holiday: Monday 23rd December 2019 - Friday 3rd January 2020

Spring Term: Monday 6th January - Friday 3rd April 2020

Half Term holiday: Monday 17th - Friday 21st February 2020

INSET days (school closed): Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th January 2020, Friday 14th February 2020

Easter holiday: Monday 6th - Friday 17th April 2020

Summer Term: Monday 20th April - Monday 20th July 2020

Half Term holiday: Monday 25th - Friday 29th May 2020

INSET days (school closed): Monday 20th April 2020, Friday 3rd July 2020, Monday 20th July 2020

**Please note that INSET days are subject to change.**



## 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 Mrs Ivins. 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.