



# Ark John Keats Academy

Dear parents and carers,

The staff team at AJK have been hard at work this week making the school safe for your children, and ensuring they have exceptional lessons to lead to great pupil learning. We are so excited to welcome the students back from next Tuesday!

I wanted to send you a few reminders and updates.

## Timings of the school day

Please see below for timings of the school day for next week, as well as the long term timings of the school day from 14<sup>th</sup> September onwards.

Year	8th	9th	10th	11 <sup>th</sup>	14 <sup>th</sup> Sept onwards
7	9:50 – 2pm	At home	8:45– 13:30	8:45 – 13:30	8:45 – 15:30 (14:40 Friday)
8	At home	At home	8:45 – 13:30	8:45 – 13:30	8:45 – 15:35 (14:45 Friday)
9	At home	At home	8:45 – 14:20	8:45 – 14:20	8:45 – 15:40 (14:50 Friday)
10	At home	8:30 – 14:05	8:30 – 14:20	8:30 – 14:20	8:30 -15:45 (14:55 Friday)
11	8:30– 12:50 (no lunch)	8:30 – 14:20	8:30 – 14:20	8:30 – 14:20	8:30 – 15:45 (15:00 Friday)
12	At home	8:30 – 12:40	8:30 – 12:40	8:30 – 13:30	8:30 – 15:15
13	08:30– 12:50 (no lunch)	8:30 – 14:20	8:30 – 14:20	8:30 – 14:20	8:30 – 15:15

## Lunch

To reduce transmission through touch, from September any pupil in any year group who wishes to bring a packed lunch may do so. Your child will be issued a card which is linked to your ParentPay account. You must ensure you have money on your ParentPay account for the days you want your child to buy lunch, as there will not be an opportunity to pay for meals in school in person. Until our payment cards arrive, please respond to the text message we will send to indicate whether you have sent your child in with a packed lunch. You must respond to this message or your ParentPay account will be debited. Due to a technical fault with the gas, we are unable to serve hot food for the first half term. Our apologies for this – our site team are working hard on finding a solution to this issue.

## Uniform

The government recommend that schools return to their normal uniform policies for September. We will follow this recommendation. There is no requirement to wash uniform more often than normal.

## Face masks

Children over 11 must wear face masks on public transport. We strongly recommend children wear a face mask in all communal areas of the school, and we will continue to review this recommendation and write to you if we update this to be a school rule. The only face masks allowed in school are those which are blue, black, white or pink, and these must be unpatterned. Please note that surgical gloves cannot be worn: clean hands are better, and gloves can harbour germs. The advice from the government is clear that masks should be stored in resealable plastic bags, we recommend this wherever possible.

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## Equipment

Students will not be able to share equipment. Please ensure your child comes with their full equipment as below:

2 black writing pens	1 pencil sharpener
1 blue pen	1 rubber
1 red writing pen	1 glue stick
1 green writing pen	1 15cm/30cm ruler
2 highlighter pens	1 Casio FX-85 ES or Casio FX-85 GT Calculator
1 compass	1 Oxford School Dictionary
1 sharpened pencil	Water bottle
1 protractor	A reading book at age appropriate level.

## Contact details

We must have accurate contact details that we can use to reach you during the day. This is so that if your child develops coronavirus symptoms we can arrange to send them home. If you have changed your mobile or work numbers then please let us know by calling us on 0208 443 3113 or emailing [info@arkjohnkeatsacademy.org](mailto:info@arkjohnkeatsacademy.org).

## Meetings

Since we must limit the numbers of adults on site, in order to reduce the risk of transmission, we cannot accommodate parent meetings that have not been booked in advance. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the school via telephone and we will direct your question to the correct individual. We understand that this poses challenge, both for families and the school, but we must be strict on this. Please do not attend the school, and come into reception, without a prior appointment.

## Staying home

Your child must not attend school if they, or anyone else in your household, has developed:

- a new and continuous cough;
- a high temperature;
- a loss of their sense of smell.

If your child has Covid symptoms and is waiting for test results, please call the school on each day of absence to confirm they are self-isolating.

Once again, we are very much looking forward to welcoming your children back next week.

Yours Sincerely,

Ms J. Facer  
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