



Principal's Newsletter Autumn Term 1, 2020

would like to welcome everyone back! We have had a fantastic start to the term so far and are all delighted to see the children again. On the whole, things have gone smoothly, despite the many changes that we are all having to make. It has, and continues to be, such a strange time for us all. It is important that we all do whatever we can to get back to normality again for our children.

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Staggered Start and End to the Day

This has been one of the biggest challenges for us due to layout of our site and the large numbers of children that we have. Thank you to the vast majority of you who have stuck rigidly to your allocated times. Please can I just ask everyone to arrive at the correct time and leave as quickly as possible once your child has entered the gates. I appreciate that we are all getting used to the new procedures but please can you ensure as far as possible, that you keep your distance between yourselves and other families.

We have close to one hundred families with siblings across the academy and although we are trying our best to make sure they are all together, to ensure we are not mixing bubbles, this sometimes takes us a little bit longer. We really appreciate your patience and understanding with this and I'm sure that as we get used to the systems we will get quicker.

Change to Reynolds Street Entrance

We are creating an additional entrance on Reynolds Street for Nursery and Reception children to use to help alleviate the congestion at the KS1 gate.

As a result of this we have also changed the times slightly to allow a bit longer to get the children in. We will notify you when this will start.

FS2 to start at 8:45am and finish at 3:15pm
FS1 to start at 9:00am and finish at 3:00pm

Frog

Obviously, we are trying to limit the amount of items/paper that travel between home and school. Therefore, we are currently looking at ways to support the children with reading and homework through Frog and other means. I will keep you updated with this.

Safeguarding

If you have any questions or concerns relating to a safeguarding matter, please contact Miss Waring, Vice Principal and Designated Safeguarding Officer.

Please also contact Miss Waring if you have any questions or concerns

Attendance

On Friday 4 September 95% of our pupils returned, which is excellent. Can I thank you all again for your support in returning the children to the academy following the lengthy lockdown period.

I would also like to welcome the many new children and their families who have recently joined us.

Contacting Us

Obviously, it is far more challenging than normal to speak to staff members. However, it is very important that we stay in regular communication. Teachers and Teaching Assistants will continue to make you aware of any issues that arise during the day. If you do need to speak to a member of staff about any matter, please either contact the main office, via telephone or send us an e-mail via enquires@reynoldsacademy.co.uk. The latter method is preferable, as we can then forward your query/request directly to the relevant member of staff.

Where you need to collect your child at a different time, for example, because they have a medical appointment, it is vital that we know of this in advance. Please ensure the main office is alerted, preferably via email. Where possible, can you please also attach a copy of the evidence. For example, this could be a scanned copy of a medical letter or a screenshot taken from your phone.

Lunches

Again, can I please remind everyone that lunches must be ordered in advance for children. This includes those who are entitled to a free school meal and those who receive a universal free meal as they are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. Where a lunch has not been ordered, the catering team will not be expecting to provide a lunch for that child. If you would like any further information regarding the meals service, please use the enquiries email address and we will forward these to the Aspens catering team. There is also a help guide on our website, under the main Aspen's tab.

