



Ark Little Ridge Primary Academy

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Newsletter

Term 1

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Welcome Back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a fantastic first few days at ARK Little Ridge. We have welcomed the children back into their new classes and they have been working extremely hard already! There are lots of smiles and a real feeling of positivity from everyone at school, both children and adults, and we are looking forward to another successful year. It has been lovely to see our new Year 6 children taking on the responsibility of being the eldest in the school with determination and enthusiasm alongside the calm and settled start of our new Reception classes.

We look forward to your continued engagement and support which really contributes to our vibrant learning community.

Mark Rankin, Head of School

A few reminders:

Uniform

All pupils are expected to wear a uniform every school day, Monday to Friday. Once a pupil walks into the academy grounds, he/she should be wearing the appropriate uniform clothing and shoes. Shirts should be tucked in. When a pupil is in the Academy, these expectations apply unless he/she has to change clothing for a specific activity e.g. PE and games. This change of clothing should also be appropriate attire. Upon return to normal classroom teaching, they must again wear full uniform. Shoes must be worn at all times, except in specified classes. **NO TRAINERS OR BOOTS** are allowed.

Pupils are not allowed to wear hats, headscarves, or any other head covering inside the school building unless it is due to religious or cultural values. Any head covering worn for religious or cultural values or hair accessories that are worn such as slides, ribbons, bobbles etc. should be simple and in school colours.

Lateness

Punctuality is very important. Children who arrive late to classes are at a disadvantage as they often miss out on vital learning.

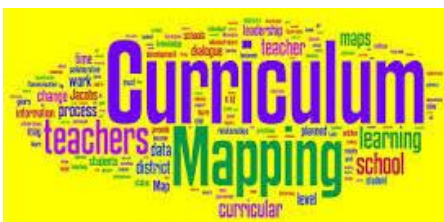
The register is taken at 9.00am. The school doors will be closed from 9.00am. Any child not in by this time must enter by the office entrance and will be marked as late. If your child is likely to be late to school, please telephone the Academy Office or email absence@arklittleridgeprimary.org to let us know before 9 am. If your child is late, please go directly to the Academy Office so that we can mark your child as present.

Persistent lateness will be taken very seriously and where we have a concern the Academy will contact you to see how we can best support you with punctuality. In severe cases this will be reported to the Local Authority.

Absence from the Academy

If a child is going to do well at school it is vital that they have a good attendance record. Therefore, students should only be absent if they are too ill to come to school or in exceptional circumstances. If absence is unavoidable then a family ADULT should telephone or email the Academy on the first day of absence and every day thereafter. Phone calls should be made by an adult family member **before 9.00am on each day of absence** or they should send an email to absence@arklittleridgeprimary.org, again by 9.00 am. If we have not heard from you by 9.30am, we will contact you directly using the contact numbers given by you to the school. Please ensure we have at least three contacts. If we receive no response, a home visit will be made to ensure all is well. If no response from the home, a call could be made to the Police as we would have been unable to be certain the child or family are safe and well. When the student returns from an absence the parent/carer must bring a written note of explanation to the school office.

Every pupil is set a target of 97% attendance.



What will your child be learning this term?

In the next week, we will be emailing home a curriculum overview for each year group to share with you what your child will be learning this term.



Influenza Vaccination for Children

Tuesday 2nd October 2018

Letters going home next week to all parents/carers of a child in Reception/1/2/3/4 and 5 regarding the forthcoming Influenza nasal spray vaccinations which are being held at Little Ridge on 2nd October. It is essential that you return the response to **school within 7 days** to indicate if you do or do not wish your child to be vaccinated. If you would like to speak with someone about the vaccinations, please telephone the Immunisation Service on 01892 337248.



Diary dates

Tue 2 nd Oct	Nasal Flu Vaccinations for Year R/1/2/3/4/5	Letters coming home next week
week beginning 15 th October	Parent Teacher Meetings	Information to follow
Fri 19 th Oct	School Photographs	
Week beginning 29 th Oct	Tours for prospective new YR pupils Sept 2019	Information to follow

Term dates for academic year 2018 – 19

[This is the link for the next school year's term dates.](#) Please **ALWAYS** check **THIS CALENDAR** (which can be found on our website under 'about us – term dates) and not those on other websites to obtain the correct dates for our school. Our term dates/INSET days are not always the same as other schools! Paper copies are available from the school office.



[Click here to view the school lunch menu](#)