



Ark All Saints Academy

Wednesday 21st July 2021

Dear Parents,

We have all made it through! This year was more familiar than the last, but it has still been very unusual in many ways. This is the time to reflect on what we have achieved. We set out at the beginning of the year to ensure we built and maintained strong and steady relationships with our children and families. This has been another grueling year for all of us in the Ark All Saints family. I know for many of you the closing of schools for the summer holidays is not a break at all and can be a time of more uncertainty. We also want our children to have a place to be during the 6-week holiday.

For scholars currently in year 7-9

The school will be open every day from Monday 26th July through to Wednesday 11th August 2021 from 10am-1pm for outdoor activities only. Scholars may bring their own cold food and drinks with them. Please ensure your child dresses for the appropriate weather. This is for scholars in years 7, 8 and 9 only. We are no longer required to have year group bubbles, so scholars from different year groups can be on site together. Entrance and exit will be through the Pitman Street gate.

For scholars currently in year 10

Mr Jones has written to you separately about the year 10 Covid recovery summer school. This runs from Monday 16th August- Friday 20th August 2021.

Note for scholars coming on site for any summer school activities

At intervals this year we have been giving out lateral flow covid kits for scholars (and staff) to use at home. You do NOT need to continue doing this over the summer holidays, unless your child is planning to attend any sessions onsite. If your child is attending onsite, we trust they will do a lateral flow test before they arrive onsite and will only do so if this is a negative result. We will be providing all scholars with a testing kit before the end of term.

Preparation for September

We know that there has been a lot of information to keep up with this year. At the moment, we know that secondary schools will have to resume mass lateral flow testing of scholars as we did upon their return in March. We will not be re-seeking consent for this. If you want to discuss this, please email info@arkallsaintsacademy.org

New year 7 scholars will be expected to consent to testing and will join in with the whole school testing programme in September.

Dates of return to school for 2021-2022. It is unlikely these will change but we need to take into consideration the lateral flow testing we will have to do onsite upon each year group return.

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Year Group	Date of return	Time of return	Normal start of school time
Year 11	Monday 6 th September 2021	11am	8:25am
Year 10	Tuesday 7 th September 2021	8:25am	8:25am
Year 9	Wednesday 8 th September	8:25am	8:25am
Year 8	Thursday 9 th September	8:25am	8:25am
Year 7	Monday 6 th September 2021	8:25am	8:25am

Uniform

Each year we explain via this letter that we have high standards and expectations for our scholars around the way they dress to and from school. We understand that getting out to the shops for shoes and school clothing has not been easy this year. From September we must insist that all trousers and skirts are grey. All skirts must fall **below** the knee. Ties must be 7 stripes long and school shoes must be of smart, black leather (not suede) style. Scholars will need to go home to remedy this if they are not dressed appropriately for school. Please do not risk cut-ins in hair or eyebrows over the holidays; they often do not grow out. Moreover, hair must be a natural colour whether dyed or otherwise. A reminder that any piercings outside of our uniform policy will have to be removed before they leave home.

Academy Shop opening dates and times 9:30-2pm CASH PAYMENTS ONLY:

NEW YEAR 7 SCHOLARS ONLY	CURRENT SCHOLARS
Monday 9 th August 2021	Monday 16 th August
Tuesday 10 th August 2021	Tuesday 17 th August
Wednesday 11 th August 2021	Wednesday 18 th August
Thursday 12 th August 2021	Thursday 19 th August
Friday 13 th August	Friday 20 th August

Finally

We will be writing to you again in August to confirm plans for the school reopening in September. For the time being I wish you and your families a peaceful summer and we look forward to reconnecting in the new term.

Yours Faithfully

Ms L Frame
Principal