



Ark All Saints Academy

Monday 16th December 2019

Dear Parent,

We have now finished our first two terms of teaching and learning. As usual at this time of year it is customary for me to wish all of those in the Ark All Saints community a restful Christmas break. **We look forward to welcoming scholars back to school on Wednesday 8th January 2020 at the normal time.**

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of the agreement we made when your child joined the school.

School bags and homework

Everyday we set your child homework. They record this in their school passport and this is checked by their teacher and pastoral director each day. In the new term all scholars will be given new folders to store their letters home, homework and any additional important school related documents.

Their school bag must be big enough to comfortably fit:

- their folder
- passport
- pencil case

The style of bag is for you to choose- handbags, rucksacks, satchels are all suitable so long as they are large enough and waterproof. Your child will bring home all their equipment everyday, so they can do their homework.

Attendance

Your child should be in school everyday unless they are too unwell to attend. We will always try and support you with a sick child. Send them into school and we will look after them.

Secondary education takes five years to teach - every day missed is a missed opportunity to learn.

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Your child's attendance should never fall below 96%. This would work out at approximately 2 days of absence each academic year. We trust you will always make the best decisions for the health and safety of your children.

Often children wake up feeling unwell but by 10am are starting to feel better. If this is the case send your child into school and we can look after them. School starts at 8:25 each day. Do not let your child be late. It does not set them up for further education or employment.

If they are too unwell to attend school, you must call us and leave a message using the normal school number 0207 450 5959.

After school

Your child is always welcome to stay and spend time after school in the Academy.

Year 7-10 can:

- Use the library after school every day until 4:30pm to consolidate learning and complete their homework.
- Take part in one of the various sporting activities every day.

With the short days and darker evenings we always clear site by 4:30pm and we walk scholars offsite each day. Your child is expected to go straight home and ask permission from you if they want to go back out. They cannot be on the streets in their school uniform. Please support us on this.

Wishing you a very merry Christmas and a happy new year.

Ms Lucy Frame
Principal