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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we opened our doors to welcome back to school all our students once again.

As you know, we have put a lot of work into ensuring your child can return safely and with confidence. I am pleased to say that these arrangements have worked well, and I am grateful to all students and staff for the way they have made them work.

We will, of course, need to remain vigilant and cautious throughout the term, particularly as winter approaches. But I believe that this week has shown how we can ensure that our students get the education they deserve whilst minimising the risks to them and to others during this pandemic.

I will keep in touch to ensure you have further information about how we are helping our students with additional digital, academic and mental health support as they return to full-time studies.

Thank you for your co-operation and support at this unique time and please do get in touch if you have any concerns you wish to raise regarding the arrangements we have put in place.

I look forward to working with you and your children this year. With parents, staff and children working together in partnership I am sure that 2020-21 will be a most successful year for Swift.

With best wishes for the year ahead,

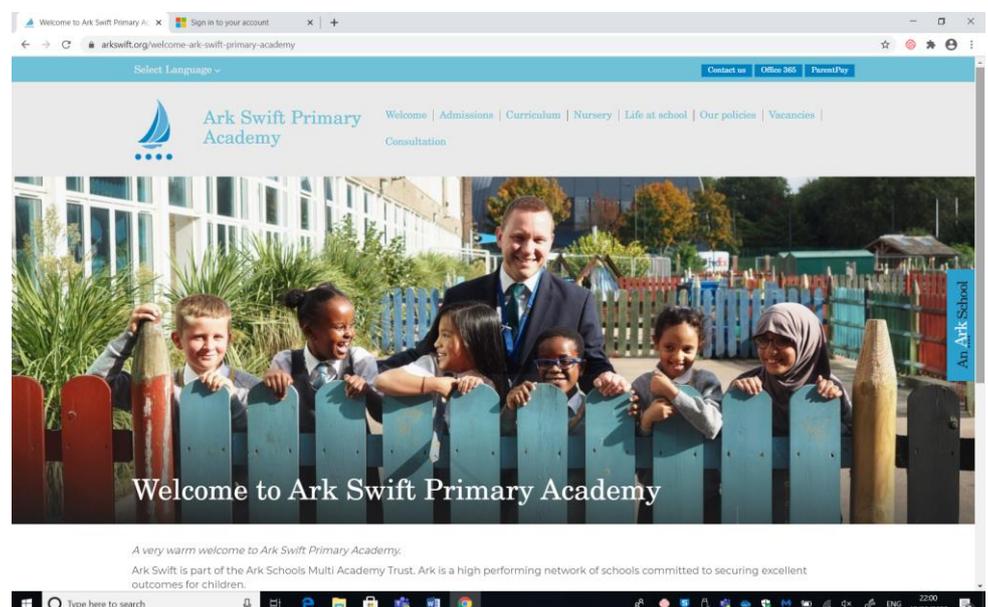
Daniel Upfield
Principal

Swift Website

<https://arkswift.org/>

I trust you have noticed that our website was refreshed during the summer break and hope you like the new look.

Do keep a frequent check on the website for useful dates; up to date policies; curriculum newsletters and class timetables; staff list etc.



Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education

As many of you will be aware, the new curriculum became compulsory for all schools in England from September 2020. However, due to the pandemic, schools have been given the option to delay teaching the new curriculum until the summer term 2021.

At Swift, we plan to make full use of the additional time as we couldn't hold the parent sessions planned for last term. Therefore, we will hold parent information sessions in the spring term (March). There will be no change to the teaching of Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and Health Education until the summer term 2021.

Transfer to Secondary School

Sam Lord, Hammersmith and Fulham's transition consultant will be coming to lead a session for **Year 6 parents on Tuesday 15th September at 9.00am**. The session goes through the whole process of what the different type of secondary school options are available to you, how to understand each individual school's admissions criteria, banding tests, specialist (Aptitude) places, the process of how to apply on line, what your six choices will mean to you and your child, timelines, open days of visits to secondary schools you wish to visit and any other Q/A you may have around secondary school transition for you and your child. Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.

If you require any help with secondary applications, please don't hesitate to speak to a member of the leadership team or your child's Year 6 teacher. In addition, Miss Burton and Miss Katie are happy to sit with parents and guide them through the online application process.

Secondary applications must be made by **31st October 2020**

The e-admissions website is located here: <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>

Useful Local Authority Websites

Hammersmith and Fulham

<https://www.lbhf.gov.uk/children-and-young-people/schools-and-colleges/school-admissions/transfer-secondary-school-2021>

The 'Moving on up' brochure contains detailed information about the process and the summarised admission criteria for all schools in Hammersmith & Fulham.

Hints and tips leaflets

Please make use of the new hints & tips leaflets. These documents are available in English, Arabic, Polish, Somali and Spanish.

Kensington and Chelsea

<https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/children-and-education/schools/join-school/admissions/primary-secondary-school-transfer-2021>

Brent

<https://www.brent.gov.uk/services-for-residents/education-and-schools/apply-for-a-school-place/secondary-school/>

Ealing

https://www.ealing.gov.uk/info/201115/apply_for_high_school

Transfer to Secondary School Cntd

Information from Hammersmith Academy

The admission cycle for September 2021 has now opened for your new Year 6 students and parents. As part of the admission process for Hammersmith Academy, applicants must sit a banding test (unless they have been awarded an EHCP).

We will be hosting an early banding test on Saturday 26th September 2020. Parents can register a place on the test for their child by filling the registration form here: <https://forms.gle/2GJj71CWwmAZWkNe8>

Please register before Thursday 17th September.

Additional information:

<https://www.hammersmithacademy.org/admissions/>

<https://www.hammersmithacademy.org/admissions/transition/>

<https://www.hammersmithacademy.org/coronavirus-updates-information/>

Card Payments

We are now able to accept debit and credit card payments for uniform, school meals etc. We hope you will enjoy the convenience of more ways to pay for everyday items at school.



Water Bottles

Please can we encourage all children to bring a water bottle from home. In order that children can easily identify their own bottle, we suggest not using Ark Swift branded bottles for the time being. Water bottles should be clearly named and must be taken home daily to be washed.

It is important that children stay hydrated during the busy school day. Disposable cups will be provided for any children without a water bottle.

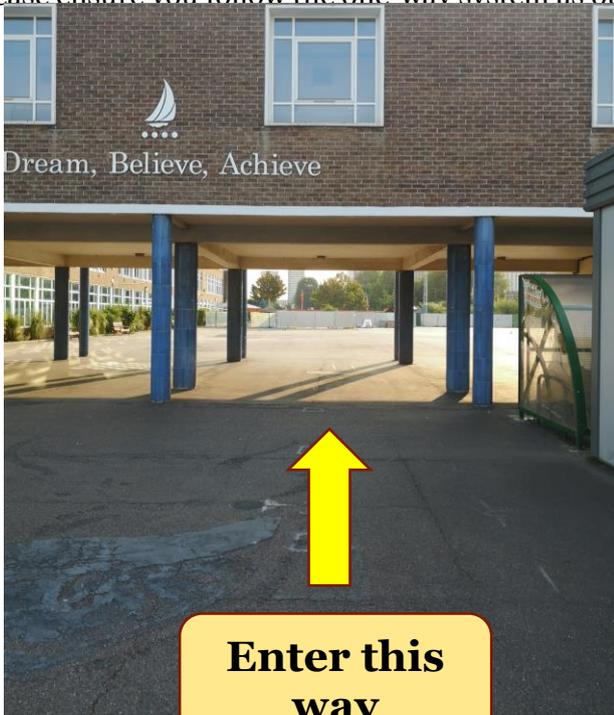
Thanks for your patience whilst we constantly evolve processes to ensure we're as COVID secure as possible.



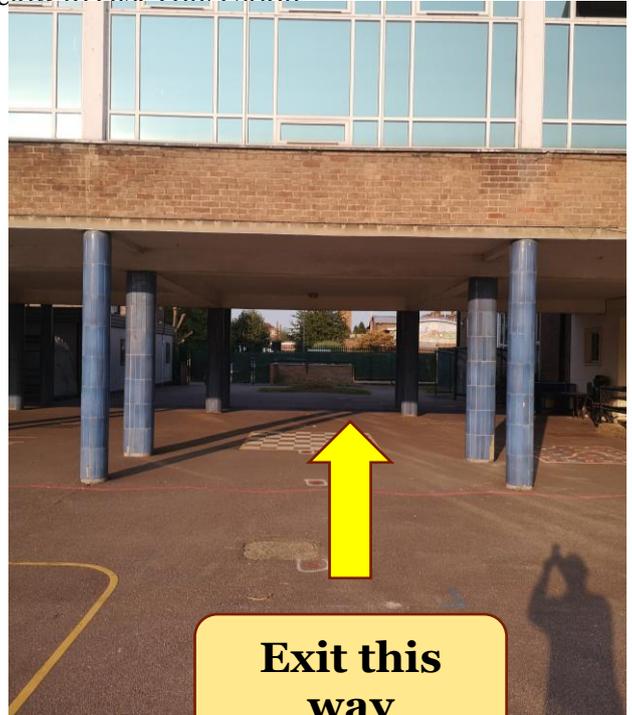
Main Entrance – End of School Day

Thank you for helping to make the end of the school day as smooth as possible. Several of you have commented that you are finding the system efficient and easy to follow.

Please ensure you follow the one-way system as outlined below to ease congestion



Enter this way



Exit this way



Exit via this gate