



End of Term Arrangements

On Tuesday, the government wrote to schools about the end of term arrangements and have advised schools to close/end term for pupils on Thursday 17th December.

In response to this, I am letting you know that the **school will be closed to pupils on Friday 18th December**. The last day of term will now be **Thursday 17th December**. Children will finish at their usual times rather than it being a shorter day:

Year 5 and Year 6	3:10pm
Year 3 and Year 4	3:15pm
Year 1 and Year 2	3:20pm
Reception & Nursery	3:25pm

We will reopen as planned on Wednesday 6th January 2021.

Please ensure that you continue to send your child/children to school until Thursday 17th December. If your child/children is/are self-isolating during term-time, we continue to provide them with online learning.

We will carry on working with Public Health England, and we will have staff available to help with contact tracing until 23rd December where necessary. If your child tests positive for the Coronavirus before 23rd December, please contact Mr Upfield on 07557 161021 who will be available daily between 10am and midday and we will go through the usual contact tracing protocols which the school has been following. In the event that any staff member tests positive for the Coronavirus during this period we will also follow our usual protocol. For any confirmed cases of Coronavirus after 23rd December and before the start of term on 6th January 2021, there is no need to contact the school.

I will write to you again next week with an end of term newsletter.

I want to take the opportunity to thank you for your support and patience this year.

Kind regards,

Daniel Upfield
Principal

Laptops for Home Use – YEARS 5 & 6

Time is running out.
Respond now.



Your child *could* be eligible for a laptop!

We are excited to share with you our developing digital strategy. We now have a number of Google Chromebooks that can be provided to pupils to support learning at home. This is the first stage of our strategy that will see all children in an Ark School from Year 4 upwards having a 1:1 device from September 2022

We have a limited number of Chromebooks available and a clear criterion for how these will be allocated:

- Children in Year 5 and 6 who are shielding
- Year 6 children eligible for Pupil Premium with no device at home
- Year 5 children eligible for Pupil Premium with no device at home
- Year 6 children with no device at home
- Year 5 children with no device at home



If you have a child in Year 5 or 6 and your child DOES NOT have access to a suitable device at home, please let us know by **Thursday 17th December**. You can do this by:

- Calling the school office on 020 8743 2514
- Emailing info@arkswiftprimary.org using the subject: **Laptops for Home Use**

Please also inform us if you have access to the Internet.

After the 11th December, we will work through the criterion above and inform you of the next stage for allocating devices for loan.

In addition, we now have a number of devices from the DfE that can be loaned to pupils from Year 3 upwards if we have to close any bubbles due to COVID-19.

Lost Phone

One of our parents lost their mobile phone whilst in the playground earlier this week. If anyone finds the phone, please drop it in to the school office. Thank you.

Attendance

Attendance statistics for this week. This week we launched our new 'In to Win' initiative for 100% attendance – do ask your child about it!

Class	Attendance
Nursery	94.6%
Year R Bath	90.9%
Year 1 York	93.3%
Year 2 London	91.8%
Year 3 Warwick	96.2%
Year 4 Worcester	99.1%
Year 5 Oxford	96.2%
Year 6 Bristol	90.6%
Year 6 Sheffield	94.8%

Whole-school attendance for this week is **94.4%**