



Message from Mr Upfield

First, very many thanks to those of you who have gone to the trouble of providing us with such positive feedback on the remote learning provision for your children. This is greatly appreciated by staff and will spur them on to ensure great, creative lessons and resources will continue to be provided.

The remote learning aims to mirror the school day as much as possible and we follow the recommended DFE guidance which suggests primary aged children do around 3 hours in Key Stage 1 and 4 hours in Key Stage 2 of learning each day. There is no stipulated time for Early Years children, but we do encourage you to log on and watch the teacher videos, engage in the Seesaw learning activities and take part in the Teams sessions if you can.

When we said goodbye to you at the end of term, none of us knew that remote education was just around the corner. The reality of making the switch over to remote education for all pupils is quite some challenge. Our teachers have done a superb job of getting to grips with online learning very quickly. It has been a very steep learning curve for all of us these first two weeks of term – staff, parents and pupils. We wanted to acknowledge the part you have played in this and thank you for enabling us to teach your child all the lessons they would have ordinarily received, if they were in school with us. We also wanted to remind you, as we did back in March last year, that we do not expect you to become teachers overnight. We do hope that the structured learning we are providing is giving your child a sense of routine at this time.

We do have a statutory requirement to monitor the engagement with the remote learning programme and we will call you if we are concerned that your child isn't participating at all. This is a supportive phone call to ascertain what we can do to assist. We do want to know if there are any issues that we can help with.

Having said all of the above, we do also fully appreciate how challenging life is for many of our families with parents and carers also working from home, or caring for family members, or suffering from illness themselves.

What is most important during this time is your family life and ensuring that your children feel safe, happy and cared for. So, we ask that you do not worry if you are not able to undertake all of the remote learning activities. We absolutely do not wish to create stress or tension but hope that much of the learning will be fun and engaging and that children will be able to begin to become more independent as they get used to learning remotely. Reading is one of the most important things you can do with a child, as a parent, so if you have little time to do anything else, listening to the teacher reading videos and just reading a good book with your child is really helpful.

Do whatever you can, but first and foremost be mindful of the wellbeing of all of the members of your family – being kind to ourselves and each other takes precedence at this time.

Don't forget – if you need help with remote learning, computer loans, parenting support, wellbeing, accessing the foodbank or anything else you can think of – **we're here for you throughout lockdown.**

With best wishes,

Daniel Upfield, Principal

Laptops & Internet Access – FINAL REQUEST



KS2

Please let us know if your child still does not have a **SUITABLE** device **OF THEIR OWN** to access learning at home. We should be able to obtain a device for every KS2 child that needs one. Please get in touch ASAP if you'd like a device so we can order and allocate and your child won't lose valuable learning time. Also, if as a family you could do with a Wi-Fi dongle to help access your remote learning, please let us know.

Rec and KS1

Whilst the government has not allocated devices to Reception and KS1 pupils, we are trying every avenue possible to see if we can secure devices for KS1 pupils that are not attending school to have one. If you'd like to be considered for a device, please call the school office to add your name to a waiting list. Also, if you would benefit from having your mobile phone data allowance increased so your child can access remote learning, do let us know.

PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH US TODAY IF YOU'D LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE RESOURCES

Remote Learning Strategy on Swift Website

Reminder: Head to <https://arkswift.org/remote-learning-strategy> for lots of useful advice on accessing remote learning

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Set-Up and Timetables
Staying Safe Online
Seesaw Platform and APP

Remote Learning Strategy

Ark Swift aims to deliver high-quality education during periods of remote learning. Our priority is to ensure pupils have the best learning opportunities even if they are not in school.

An important policy that we encourage parents to read and understand is our remote learning policy. In the event of a lockdown (partial or full) or pupils need to self-isolate, we aim to make sure all teaching continues.

Please click [here](#) to read our remote learning policy.

Applying for Reception

Today is the deadline for Reception applications for September. If you've yet to complete your application, please do this today. If you require any help, please call the school office.

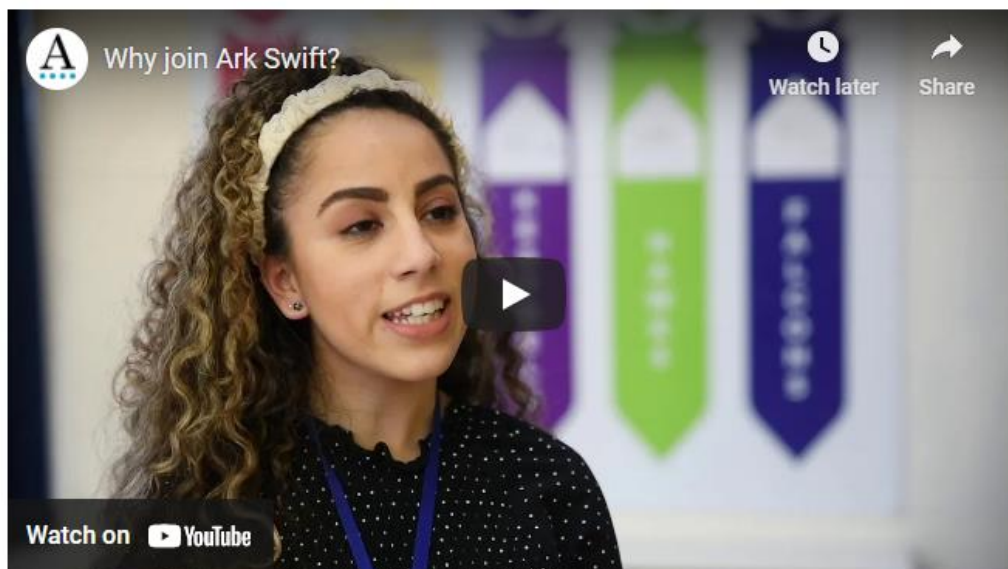
LBHF: Starting School - Reception 2021

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



Swift Film

We've created a new film all about Ark Swift. Visit <https://arkswift.org/join> to watch the film. You'll hear from a range of different staff, parents and children. I hope you'll agree the film emphasises the breadth of what we have to offer and our vibrant school environment. We'd love to hear your feedback!



Daily Fitness with Mr Blair

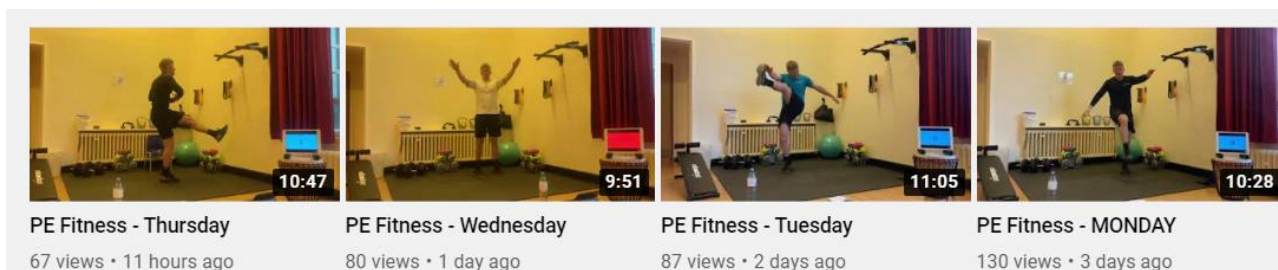


Joe Wicks has some serious competition from Swift's very own fitness guru, Mr Blair. Head to the Ark Swift YouTube Channel for your daily workout. Something for all the family to enjoy together!



Ark Swift Primary
97 subscribers

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvgMoz-knFkJJA96TeaYsGA>



Daily Teams Calls

Your child will be invited to join their class for a daily catch-up via Microsoft Teams. This will be a 10-15 minute live session where they can see their friends (including those in school attending the Community Classroom) and hear from their class teacher to discuss learning, share class news and do a short activity such as hear a story. Your child will receive a link to this daily session either via Seesaw (EYFS and KS1) or Teams (KS2).



All children are expected to attend this daily session.

Class	Time
Nursery	14:15
Reception	14:00
Year 1	13:45
Year 2	13:30
Year 3	10:45
Year 4	10:30
Year 5	10:15
Year 6 Bristol	10:00
Year 6 Sheffield	10:00

Something to Read in Lockdown

The Children's Book Project have donated some wonderful books to the children of Ark Swift. If your child has run out of books to read at home, come and collect a bundle of books from the foyer next week – there is something to suit all ages from Nursery to Year 6.

Please pop in and help yourselves – a contactless, COVID secure transaction.



Stationery Packs

Running out of supplies at home? Need some more stationery such as writing pencils, colouring pencils, whiteboard and pen etc.?

We have ordered additional supplies and hope to have these available for contactless collection from the school office from the middle of next week.

In addition, if your child would like exercise books to record their work on paper, we can provide your child with:

- A lined paper exercise book for writing tasks
- A plain paper exercise book for mark making, art work etc.
- A squared paper book for maths



Achievement Assembly

This week's Achievement Assembly can be viewed on our You Tube channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCvgMoz-knFkIJA96TeaYsGA/videos>

Well done to all those children selected by their teachers for excellent remote learning this week. Keep up the good work!