

Tuesday 14th July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Information for wider opening in September

As our schools will shortly be closing for the summer holidays, I just wanted to thank you again for your patience and support during this pandemic and take the opportunity to inform you of how we will be moving forwards in September.

We have been immensely proud of you over the last few months, many of you have needed to balance home-learning for your children with also working from home. We know this has not been an easy journey, with many anxieties and worries along the way, but thankfully we can now start to see green shoots on the horizon.

The government has published a significant amount of guidance which the Trust have reviewed alongside our Health and Safety advisors. All Ad Astra Academy Trust schools will open for all year groups in September and we are very much looking forward to welcoming all of our children back to school then. We expect that starting from 1st September and by at the latest September 7th all children in Year 1-6 will be back at school and by September 14th all Early Year's children will have also returned, which is great news. Your child's attendance is crucial to help them make progress in school. If you or your child has concerns on returning next term, please contact your child's headteacher and they will take you through the stringent safety measures that have been put in place in order to reassure you.

We are thrilled to know that in September we will once again be able to hear classrooms with children engaging, discussing and enjoying their learning. Playgrounds (albeit slightly different to normal) we will be able to see happy children who are glad to be around their friends again.

We are passionate about continuing to deliver a broad, balanced curriculum in our schools, however, this must be done with a series of measures that are needed to ensure the safety of your children, and our staff, which is of paramount importance to us, so we can reduce the risk of transmission.

Therefore, schools will have to make a number of changes to how they operate from September and your headteacher will let you know what these are. Further details on plans for the new academic year may need to be issued again over the summer holidays, if any government advice on COVID-19 measures change in this time.

We are very much looking forward to working with you and your children, next term, supporting a return to full time school. Have a lovely, safe summer break and we look forward to welcoming you all back in September.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'AAB', with a horizontal line underneath.

Andy Brown CEO
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