



# Ark Dickens Primary Academy

24<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to be welcoming back our children **on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September** for the start of the new academic year. Enclosed with this letter are detailed reopening plans for your child's year group and these fact sheets aim to answer any queries that you may have.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the community spirit that has permeated Ark Dickens since the lockdown measures commenced in March. Together we weathered the storm and came through stronger and more vibrant than ever. The school remained open throughout, including all school and Bank holidays. The number of children attending our community classrooms rose steadily as parents gained confidence that as a school we were mitigating risk as far as possible and providing a safe, warm and stimulating environment for every child. Early June saw us invite back years N, R 1 and 6 quickly followed by reopening to all year groups. We are delighted to report that school-wide attendance hovered between 56-62% far exceeding national average. An excellent result in times of such uncertainty and testament to the resilience and positivity of our parents, carers and children.

In addition to the guidance document included please note that from 7<sup>th</sup> September:

- All pupils are expected to attend school in full school uniform. We appreciate there may be some delay with supplier stocks so please notify the school office accordingly if this is the case.
- P.E kits and book bags are expected to be in school every Monday and taken home every Friday.
- Breakfast club will be operating from 8.00a.m. each morning. This will be on a pre-booked basis. To register for a place please email our Inclusion Lead Lisa Florence ([l.florence@arkdickensprimary.org](mailto:l.florence@arkdickensprimary.org)).
- Extracurricular clubs will be running for year group bubbles. Our Head of PE, Ben Morris, will send out details in week one of term
- Attendance at school is compulsory.

In the meantime, please do enjoy what is left of the summer vacation and rest assured Ark Dickens is opening its doors confident that your child's safety, happiness and well-being is its top priority.

If however you do have any residual concerns regarding your child's individual needs in advance of term commencing please do feel free to email me directly ([f.chapman@arkdickensprimary.org](mailto:f.chapman@arkdickensprimary.org)) or contact our main reception to book a socially distanced personal meeting with myself.

Warmest regards to all

Fiona Chapman  
**Principal**

