



## Franklin Times

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

Dear Franklinites

We hope you had a wonderful summer and look forward to welcoming years one to six back on Monday at 08.30am sharp ☺; followed by reception on Wednesday and Thursday, then nursery from Monday 13<sup>th</sup>.

Logistics have returned to pre-covid arrangements, this means that only the main KS1 and KS2 gates on Harvist and Kempe Roads, respectively, will open at the beginning and end of day. Reception and KS2 children enter via the Kempe Road gate, while KS1 and nursery use the Harvist Road entrance; the gate between the playgrounds will now reopen.

Only reception and nursery parents are invited on site in the mornings to take their child to their classroom, though year one parents may do so for the first two days of this term; full details of beginning and end of day arrangements can be found in the parent handbook, attached.

Full uniform is expected every day, this includes hair tied back off the face for those with long hair, please refer to the parent handbook for guidance on expectations; as it is now the autumn, children should be in the winter uniform, no summer dresses or polo shirts please.

We are moving to a specialist teaching model for foundation subjects across KS2 this year. All children will be taught English and mathematics by their class teacher, but the rest of the curriculum will be taught by the three teachers in the year group to all three classes, for example, Mr Wernick, our science lead, will teach science across year five; Mr Bell, Miss Webster and Ms Harris will continue to teach all children Spanish, music and outdoor learning, respectively.

### Clubs and after school provision

Franklin's enrichment club offer for the autumn term is attached and clubs will begin the week of the 27<sup>th</sup> September; sign up will be on the 14<sup>th</sup> September from 5.00pm for KS1 and from 5.00pm on the 15<sup>th</sup> for KS2.

Preparation for common entrance or 11+ examinations will be offered on Mondays from 3.30-4.30pm, starting on the 13<sup>th</sup> September; this will only be open to year five and six children, with preference given to year sixes if numbers are too high. If you wish your child to be a part of this, please email us on [info@arkfranklinprimary.org](mailto:info@arkfranklinprimary.org) by 4.00pm on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September, informing us of the secondary school your child is applying to and the selection process they will need to undertake, so that we can ensure that these classes are tailored to meet the requirements. The cost of these classes will be £40.00 per child and they will run for ten weeks, initially.

P3, offer care from 3.30-5.30pm each day and this will start on Monday, please email to book: [Play3.arkfranklin@p3charity.org](mailto:Play3.arkfranklin@p3charity.org)

Over the summer we had our wonderful green wall planted around the site, which includes two living wall sections in the garden, pictured below.



Franklin's office will be open daily from 2.30-3.30pm for uniform collection and enquiries, please make an appointment via the info account at other times.

**PE at Franklin: this year we will have a PE coach at Franklin for years one to six, please ensure your child wears their PE kit on the right day.**

<b>Reception</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>Tuesday: Liverpool/Brighton Wednesday: Hibernia</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>Friday</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>Tuesday Sussex are swimming this term</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>Wednesday Exeter are swimming this term</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>Monday</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>Thursday</b>

### Parent Forums

We found the regular parent forums hosted on Zoom last year very beneficial as a way of keeping all informed and included here at Franklin, we hope you did too. Thus, we have put together a schedule for the first half term, please see below, these will be hosted on Zoom each Friday at 10.00am and be led by myself and David Williams, Franklin's deputy; we will record the session for those who are unable to attend. If you have suggestions for forums, please do email in.

<b>10<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Franklin's Digital Strategy</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Franklin's Cultural Passport</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>	<b>Y6 transition and SATs</b>
<b>01<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Diversity and inclusion in Franklin's curriculum</b>
<b>8<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Y1 phonics</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<b>Reception phonics</b>

Zoom links will be sent out via email the day before the event.

### COVID updates

Pods are no longer in place, children will return to pre-COVID interaction levels and all will eat in the dining room each day.

### Outbreaks

In the event of an outbreak at Franklin or in the local area, we may be advised to reintroduce pods and to support NHS Test and Trace with close contact tracing. If this becomes necessary, we will communicate this to you.

### COVID-19 testing

Testing remains a key part of reducing the risk of transmission of infection within our community; we will continue to encourage staff to take rapid lateral flow tests.

### Staying safe

We will ensure children have regular handwashing opportunities and hand sanitiser is available throughout the school. We will continue with twice daily cleaning, paying particular attention to surfaces that are regularly touched. We will also keep spaces well ventilated and will not allow anyone with known COVID-19 symptoms to enter the site.

Franklin's PTA has always been a very active body and we would like to get regular meetings up and running again, can previous reps please get in touch with me on [j.ryan@arkfranklinprimary.org](mailto:j.ryan@arkfranklinprimary.org) to let me know if they wish to continue in post or step down. Ideally we would have a rep for each year group on the committee to help with all things Franklin, our first event being the hoped-for return of the Halloween disco.

Please see Franklin's calendar on our website for all key dates for this year; there has been one alteration to this year's date list, we will break up for the summer one day earlier, due to the Queen's Jubilee.

Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday at 8.30am for the start of a great year at Franklin.



Warmest regards  
Janine Ryan

Principal of  
Ark Franklin  
Fall seven;  
ARISE eight.