



# Ardleigh Green Learning Federation

Dear Parents

I hope this email finds you well.

It was great to see so many of you join our Facebook Live session this afternoon. Thank you for your positive comments. The Live Stream will remain on the Ardleigh Green Learning Federation Page until the next Facebook Live session which is scheduled for **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October**.

## **Key Points from Facebook Live (Please watch the session for more information)**

### **1. Staggered Start and End of the School Day**

The system is working so well that we are now able to bring forward the start of the school day for Reception to 9.00am. Thank you for your support and co-operation.

### **2. Social Distancing**

Concern has been expressed by a number of parents regarding the minority of parents who are not socially distancing whilst dropping off/picking up their children. Could I please urge you to observe social distancing at all times and leave the school premises as soon as possible.

Coronavirus update from Havering. (Letter attached to this ParentMail)

We referred to a specific paragraph in the letter from Havering Council written by Councillor Benham, Deputy Leader of the Council.

**“Parents are also reminded to set an example to their children by following social distancing rules and wearing a mask at the school gates, unless you have a good reason not to.”**

Whilst the wearing of masks is not something that we have previously asked for or wish to enforce, there are good reasons for his request and we would support and positively encourage this approach, particularly when you enter the playground waiting area.

As national restrictions change and we hear of the increase in positive test results in our borough, we all have a part to play in keeping the more vulnerable members of our community safe. I am grateful for the effort the majority of our parents are putting into social distancing in what has always been a busy time at the start and end of the school day, but the wearing of a face covering will further minimise the risk of transferring the virus. Thank you for your anticipated co-operation.

### 3. Meet The Teacher Meetings

In the past we would now be arranging our face to face meetings with parents to welcome you to your child's new class and to share information regarding daily routines etc. Sadly however, in the present climate this is not possible.

Over the coming fortnight we will be arranging virtual Meet the Teacher meetings via Zoom. We will be starting next week with Year 3. The dates are as follows:

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September **Ash**

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September **Oak**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October **Elm**

**Time** 4.30pm

**Meeting ID** [262 414 8893](#)

**Passcode** 5JqhUj

If you are unable to attend on the day allocated for your child's class please feel free to choose another day. The content of the meeting will be the same, but the teacher will be different

### 4. School Meals

We will be trialling a hot meal option on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October. The details of the menu will come from School Meals next week. Could we remind you that lunches are free for Infant children but need to be purchased through sQuid for Junior children.

### 5. School Uniform

How we miss our uniform! **Uniform will be compulsory from after half term.** The Schoolwear shop is taking on-line bookings and our amazing P.A have good quality second hand uniform available on the P.A website. Uniform can also be purchased online at [myclothing.com](#).

### 6. Home School Learning

Our Home School Learning Platform is now up and running. Your class teacher will contact you via Google in the Junior School (All Junior children have their own Google account) or Class DoJo (Infants).

Throughout your child's absence their class teacher will update work daily. An important part of this platform will be the Oak Academy. This is a government funded platform which provides teaching videos linked to our work in school. As previously stated this platform will provide daily maths and Literacy activities, together with another subject which we are calling Worldly Wise. Worldly Wise will take a different subject area daily. If your child finds this work too easy simply select the next Year Group up. If he/she finds it too difficult simply select the Year Group below.

Have a great weekend

Mr Morris