



SKEGBY JUNIOR ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome Back Everyone!

I am delighted to be able to welcome everyone back to our Academy at the start of the academic year! A special welcome to all our new children. The children have settled into their new classes amazingly well, they are ready to learn and adapting to our new routines well, allowing us to keep everyone safe. It is fantastic to have our classrooms full, once again and see our children enjoying being with their friends and learning together. I would like to thank everyone for their support, understanding and cooperation as we all adjust to our *new normal*.

Homework

I am sure you are all aware by now that we will not be sending homework books, diaries and reading books home this term. All homework will be on Teams and Class Dojo so children can upload their homework and let their teachers know when they are reading at home. Class teachers will be explaining this to the children. If you have any problems, please contact your child's teacher through the main office or by Class Dojo.

Marking and Feedback

This academic year we have changed our Marking and Feedback Policy to enable live marking and instant feedback to take place during lessons. This will help children make progress quicker as the feedback is instant and verbal and they can be supported to act upon it immediately. Class teachers will still need to write in children's books and we are now using a marking code to further support the children. This means that when you are able to come into school again to see your child's work, there will not be as much written feedback from our teachers and TAs as praise and development points will have been discussed verbally.

Academy Telephones

I would like to make everyone aware that we now have internet telephones and they do not have an engaged tone. If you phone the main office and someone is already on a call, it will just continue to ring as if nobody is answering your call. Please be reassured we will always answer your call, if we are able to. If you are struggling to get through, please leave a message on the answer phone or email

admin@skegbyjunioracademy.org

Teacher Appointments

If you need to discuss anything at length with your child's class teacher, please could you contact the main office to make an appointment for either a phone call or a visit. If you are invited on site, please can you wear a face covering at all times. Thank you.

The Beginning and End of the School Day

I would like to thank everyone for their support, understanding and cooperation at the beginning and the end of the school day. I know it is difficult for many parents but these procedures are in place to keep everyone safe. I would like to remind everyone to only take their child to the gate/collect from the gate at their given time and then move away to allow others to enter/leave. It is important that only one adult per child/family per



gate comes to school, this will ease congestion. I am also asking everyone to follow social distancing rules and stay two meters apart, wherever possible.

Both myself and GAT are constantly reviewing our procedures, in line with Government guidelines, and if we are able to make things easier for parents with more than one child in school, we will, as soon as it is safe to do so.

Parking

I would like to remind everyone to park with consideration for others. Please be aware of driveways and avoid parking over them. Also, please leave pavements free for our parents and children to walk along, this can be difficult, especially for parents with prams and pushchairs. Thank you for your support on this matter.

Diary Dates

Friday 16th October – The Academy closes for half term

Monday 2nd November – INSET Day

Tuesday 3rd November – The Academy re-opens to all pupils

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, stay safe and look after your loved ones. I look forward to seeing the children on Monday.

Kind regards,
Mrs Marples.
Principal.