



## Principals News

Welcome back to the new academic year and such a long time it has been that we have seen some of you. It is fabulous to have you all back.

We are aware it is all a change in how we have worked in the past. We thank you for working with us over the first week. As with all best plans there will always be teething problems and as always we will aim to resolve them as swiftly as possible. We aim to continue to provide exciting learning opportunities for the children to ensure their return back to school life is a positive experience.

We say a warm welcome to new staff who have joined the team this week.

We know you will make them feel part of the ASNA family.

**N Baddeley**  
MRS BADDELEY

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

Half term starts  
Monday 26th October

Academy re-opens  
Monday 2nd November

Christmas holiday starts  
Monday 21st December

Academy Re-opens  
Tuesday 5th January

## START AND END OF DAY

We have worked hard to ensure that the organisation of the day is as effective and supports the academy risk assessment to ensure we minimise as much risk as possible to pupils and their families and our staff. Can we remind parents it is vital that you queue along the fencing where the year groups signs state and not block the gate areas this is for the safety of all.

It is important that times are followed and adhered to for this reason. As stated in previous communications:

- If you have more than one child you can bring them at the same time BUT pick the latest drop off time for the class and the earliest pick up time. Eg. I have a child in Reception and Y6 I drop them off at 9.05am and pick up at 2.30pm
- Please limit the amount of adults dropping off and collecting where possible to 1
- Follow social distancing measures during drop off and collection
- REMEMBER that for the first 3 weeks the children are with their previous teachers and classes so follow those timings
- Y1/2 follow Y1 times
- Y3/4 follow Y3 times

## CONTACT DETAILS

We will be sending out contact detail sheets. Please check details and phone numbers are correct and additional contact names listed on the form are able to collect and are not shielding.





## BREAKING NEWS!

### ATTENDANCE

#### ATTENDANCE AT THE ACADEMY IS IMPORTANT

Attendance is an aspect that again we will be working hard on this academic year. Absence from school is a potential safeguarding risk and we all play a vital role in keeping children safe. We are working with a new company called VIP Education to support and challenge attendance if required.

It is compulsory for children to attend school again and sanctions/fines will be issued when this is not complied with. Home visits and daily contact will be made when children are not attending and a legitimate reason provided to the academy. Term time holidays will not be authorised.

Routine medical appointments should be taken outside of the academy day unless hospital appointments and then evidence is required and once the appointment is complete the child needs to return to the academy.

## NEW GYM

Our amazing Gym Refurbishment.

Our gymnasium has been the talk of the local area for many years. Back in 2016 the local MP visited and was appalled at the condition it had become. It was talked about in Parliament, bids were unsuccessful and the room still looked awful. Since I joined the academy it has been my pledge to get this addressed and finally after banging on many doors I secured £117k to have it refurbished. The work took place towards the end of June and finished during the holidays. To say we are thrilled is beyond words. This will now be a space that we are proud to use for lots of additional activities. The Bishop of Lichfield will be coming to bless the room in October. A big thanks to St Chad's Trust for all their support in securing funding and to Mr O'Rourke and his team at Concept Education and William Gough for completing the work.

