

July 2021

Dear parents and carers,

We look forward to welcoming you and your family back to Darlinghurst Academy on Wednesday 1st September 2021 for the start of the new academic year.

As the country moves to step 4 of the roadmap, it marks the next phase for the academy moving away from stringent restrictions, towards putting into place proportionate control measures. These measures will be under regular review should circumstances within the academy or public health advise change.

- 1) Upon our return, children will return to their phases.
Throughout the duration of your child's time at Darlinghurst, they move through four phases; *Early Years, Key Stage 1, Lower Key Stage 2 and Upper Key Stage 2*.
Each phase follows their own timetable, ensuring they receive a full curriculum offer, engaging in learning and play together. Interventions, assemblies and wider opportunity delivered within each phase.
This organisational structure maintains levels of proportionate control and would also meet the requirements, should it be necessary, to reintroduce bubbles for a temporary period. The safety and welfare of our children and the community remains paramount.
- 2) From September 1st, attendance is mandatory and our academy policy regarding attendance will be in place. This includes the possibility of sanctions being applied in line with academy processes. As a parent/carer, it is your duty to ensure that your child attends regularly and punctually. Nevertheless, should your child have a positive test result they should, along with their household, stay at home. Parents should seek and follow public health advice on when to self-isolate and what to do.
- 3) The academy arrangements for the start and end of day are as follows:

Each morning, children will access the grounds via their designated gate. Staff will supervise the gates and KS1/KS2 playgrounds ahead of classroom entry.

Each afternoon, parents will collect their children at their designated areas. Handover of our EYFS children remains at the brook gate.

Our KS1 parents will enter the grounds via the side gate, for handover on the far playground. This playground is adjacent to the KS1 block. Parents must enter and leave promptly via their gate only and within the designated time window. As all gates are utilised for KS2 at the end of the day routines.

Our KS2 children leave the site, to meet parents at their designated gates from 3:10. We ask that parents are punctual and to keep to one side of the pavements to make life as comfortable as possible for our neighbours.

	Class	Entrance	Drop Off Window	Pick Up	Exit	
EYFS	Nursery am	Brook Gate	08:50	11:50	Brook Gate	
	Nursery pm		12:35	15:35		
	Reception Jellyfish	Brook Gate	08:40-8:50	15:00	Brook Gate	
	Reception Starfish					
KS1	Year 1 Lobster	Main Gate	08:35-8:40		15:00	Side Gate
	Year 1 Shrimp	Main Gate				Side Gate
	Year 2 Puffin			Side Gate		
	Year 2 Albatross			Side Gate		
	Year 2 Seagull					
LKS2	Year 3 Stingray	Side Gate	08:30-8:40	15:10	Side Gate	
	Year 3 Swordfish	Side Gate			Main Gate	
	Year 4 Dune				Main Gate	
	Year 4 Seashell				Main Gate	
	Year 4 Coral					
UPKS2	Year 5 Bembridge	Side Gate	08:30-8:40	15:15	Brook Gate	
	Year 5 Wilton				Brook Gate	
	Year 5 Mayflower				Brook Gate	
	Year 6 Billet	Side Gate		15:15	Main Gate	
	Year 6 Strand					Main Gate
	Year 6 Victoria					Main Gate

- 4) All children are expected to wear full uniform in September. Our children wear their academy logo with pride. The academy full uniform and academy PE kit can be purchased from www.schooluniformdirect.org.uk

Children will continue to wear the academy PE kit to school, on their PE day.

PE Day	Year Group
Monday	Year 4
Monday	Year 5
Tuesday	Nursery
Tuesday	Reception
Tuesday	Year 2
Wednesday	Year 1
Thursday	Year 3
Thursday	Year 6

- 5) Our school kitchen is fully open in September with a two week hot meal menu cycle and the return of our children's favourite – pick and mix.
- 6) Extended care arrangements will be in place from the 1st September for those children who have pre booked and paid for sessions.
- 7) Frequent hand and respiratory hygiene will remain part of our regular practice with children following the advice of 'Handy Andy' and the 'Catch it, bin it, kill it' approach.

See below a reminder of the class names and class teachers

Year Groups	Class Name		Teacher	RSL
Nursery	Rockpool	Tiddlers	Miss Gue	EYFS Mrs Hahn
		Jellyfish	Miss Wise / Miss Whitehouse	
Reception		Starfish	Mrs Dennis	
Year 1	Lobster	Mrs Dutton	KS1 Mrs Powell	
	Shrimp	Miss Handley		
Year 2	Puffin	Mrs Haisman-Baker		
	Albatross	Miss Sankey		
	Seagull	Miss Salter		
Year 3	Swordfish	Miss Plummer /Mrs Richards		KS2 Mr Turner
	Stingray	Miss Carey		
Year 4	Coral	Mrs Clarke / Mrs Cooke		
	Dune	Mrs Bush		
	Seashell	Miss Ludford		
Year 5	Bembridge	Mr Dunne		
	Wilton	Miss McCrory		
	Mayflower	Mrs Lee		
Year 6	Billet	Mrs Dunne		
	Strand	Mrs Bermon		
	Victoria	Mrs Stevens		

Finally, I would like to thank everyone within our community for an extraordinary but successful year full of celebration. Our children have been a delight to teach and we are proud to watch them grow, daily.

We look forward to the forth-coming academic year and wish you a great summer break.

Regards,



Mrs E. Nicholls

Principal