



Ark Isaac Newton Academy

6th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year to all our families. I wanted to take this opportunity to formally introduce myself as the new Operations Lead for the academy, working across all phases. I am excited to join the academy and work with the community.

Please see below for some key updates I would like all families to be aware of.

Communication services

A priority area that I am keen to address is improving the communication services. One of the first actions is employing additional student services support, this will ensure we have greater capacity to provide the service we want for our families. We will be advertising these new roles soon via our academy website.

New academy website

Over the coming weeks we will be introducing our new website. This is part of a wider change across Ark schools to ensure the websites are more user friendly, especially on mobile devices, and that they support us in improving communication with our families. There will be separate communication on this once we have been given a date from Ark as to when the website will go live.

Update on tile cladding and building works

Unfortunately, the building work that was scheduled to start in late November has been further delayed. We are hoping that the protective scaffolding will be erected in the coming weeks. However, we are waiting for confirmation from the architects, building company and Ark estates team. Once we have a new timeline for this, we will communicate with you.

Damage to academy property

I will be working to ensure the academy premises are well maintained and our environment reflects our professional values. However, it is important to stress that damage/vandalism to academy property has taken place, which is causing additional issues for our students. For example, there has been deliberate damage to toilet doors, breaking the locks and preventing them from being used. Currently, they are being repaired at a significant cost to the academy and therefore we will be taking much more stringent action to prevent and sanction the minority of students who display such poor levels of professionalism. We would appreciate your support in conveying the importance of respecting all aspects of our academy premises and environment to your child.

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Staffing updates

We sadly said farewell to the following staff at the end of the Autumn term, we wish them the very best for their next steps.

- Ms Banton – Vice Principal - Inclusion & Safeguarding
- Mr Crowther-Green – Assistant Principal - Operations

We welcome the following new staff who have joined our community.

- Ms Mackintosh - Interim Vice Principal – Inclusion
- Ms Rudd - Head of Drama
- Ms Sivadass - Teacher of Mathematics

Another important piece of information for all parents/carers to be aware of is that we have a new **Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)**. in the secondary phase. **Mr Austin – Vice Principal (Pastoral) is our new DSL.**

If you have any further questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0208 911 6666

Yours faithfully



Ms Dean
Operations Lead