

Akrotiri School Friday Feeling #33

Friday 12 Jun 2020

Thank you for your patience during the past couple of weeks, whilst we waited for the go-ahead to release our reintegration plan. I am delighted that I have now been able to distribute the plan, albeit with the typo which should read W/C 13 Jul (not 15 Jul).

To clarify a couple of points:

Snacks/brunch: For the remainder of term there will be no food provision from SODEXO and therefore all children will need to be provided with a snack/brunch from home.

Remote learning: Once the group 'A' and 'B' system kicks in there will be a much-reduced capacity from teachers to engage remotely, as they will be teaching fulltime during the day. The remote learning will likely be an extension of the previous week's learning, but there is not the same expectation for families/children to upload to the platforms in the same way as full remote learning.

Entry and exit: You will have noticed in the letter yesterday that there are slightly different start and finish times for the classes; this is to reduce the congestion and therefore any risk of viral transfer during these heavy traffic times. Please adhere to timings so that we can promote safe transfer.

This week we have successfully integrated the FS1 and FS2 group 'A' in addition to the Y6s and we have continued to facilitate a provision for critical worker children. It has been super to visit the classrooms and engage with children, who have presented as though they have never been away – this is testament to the great support you have given during lockdown and the interactions they have continued to have with their class teacher.

CBF, Major General Rob Thomson, also visited and commented very positively on the reintegration and remote learning. He also took the opportunity to promote reading with Y6 and read an extract from one of his favourite children's books, 'Akimbo and the Crocodile Man', by Alexander McCall Smith. It was a pleasure to show him around our rapidly improving grounds and introduce him to many members of our tremendous staff.

Finally, we are all looking forward to welcoming Y1 next week

Have wonderful weekend.

Ben Turner

Headmaster

