



28th September 2020

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for the kind messages of support I have received from many of you on my first term at Ark Alexandra. Everyone has made me feel really welcome and I am thoroughly enjoying getting to know your children and working with staff to ensure we provide excellent education for all.

It has been wonderful having your children back into school. Our buildings are designed for student activity and it is great to see our pupils settle back down into school life. I am pleased to report that students have responded well to the Covid measures we have put into place for everyone's safety. They have behaved very maturely with the one-way system and changes to access to the canteen.

I have visited lots of lessons in the last three weeks and have been impressed with how keen the students are to learn, and there is lots of good quality work being produced. Behaviour has been encouraging in lessons, and staff are keen to impress upon students the link between readiness to learn and good progress. To that end, we have introduced a new rewards system whereby students can receive a "Golden Ticket" good behaviour, effort or achievement, or for displaying our school values of Faith, Excellence and Kindness. I am pleased to report that students have been awarded an average of 30 golden tickets each for excellent effort and attainment in lessons. If your child has more than the average of 30 Gold Tickets then I am sure that an additional recognition or reward at home would be well deserved.

Finally, I would like to reiterate Mr Scafe's earlier message to you about attendance. Each student should have 100% attendance unless they have Covid symptoms or absolutely cannot come into school for another particular reason. Ensuring your child's continuing education in school is of utmost importance for their learning and progress, and I thank you for your ongoing commitment to this.

If you want to discuss these or any other issues with me or members of staff then please do not hesitate to contact us on info@arkalexandra.org.

Stay safe and healthy.

Kind regards,

Mr Liam Collins
Principal

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