

Dear parents/carers

Welcome to our first update of the new academic year '2022 / 23'.

Students have settled in really well since our return to school. It has been fantastic to see all students embracing our core values of **"Being Proud, Being Kind and Being Ready"**. Student behaviour has been exemplary in and out of lessons and the standard of work being produced has made us proud of their approach to their studies. Please can we take this opportunity to thank parents for making sure students are ready for their return to school and we ask for your continued support in reinforcing our values and expectations.

Please see below a summary of some of our school expectations and reminders to ensure all students, staff and parents are kept safe.

Uniform & Equipment

- School skirts only should be worn, and these **must not be rolled up**.
- Year 11 must wear their jumpers at all times and Year 7-10 must also always wear their blazers and not have their sleeves rolled up.
- As the weather turns colder, students may opt to wear the logoed Arthur Terry black jumper under their blazer, but no other jumpers or cardigans are allowed. We also encourage students to wear an appropriate waterproof and warm coat (hoodies and "zip through" hoodies are not permitted)
- Piercings - One stud in each ear is allowed. There should be no facial piercings.
- School ties are available to buy from our suppliers Clive Marks or Crested Schoolyear, should they be lost. Unfortunately, we do not have a supply for students to borrow. We recommend labelling all items of school uniform, as this enables us to return items to the students should they lose them.
- A full list of equipment for students is on the school website, or alternatively by clicking the link below.
<https://arthurterry.bham.sch.uk/files/2022/07/Uniform-List-2022-3.pdf>
- There will be no requirement for students to bring in props for drama; these will always be supplied by teachers as and when required.

Reception

Can we remind parents that we do not accept items (e.g. forgotten books, PE kits, coats) into Reception unless urgent. This also applies to general messages for students. Please endeavour to make any necessary arrangements with your child before the school day begins. This helps keep disruptions to a minimum during lessons.

Please can we also remind parents to provide their child with a drinking bottle as cups cannot be provided. This is especially important in hot weather.

Medication

If you would like spare medication to be kept in the office for your child, please complete a Medication Administration form and return to the main school office along with the medication. These are available from the Reception Team. Should you wish for this, there is a criteria that will need to be met:

All medication needs to be:

- Prescribed by a doctor/GP
- In its original packaging including dosage and dispensing label
- Within the expiry date

All medication needs to be accompanied by a **newly** completed parent consent form. Please note the school are not permitted to hold a spare inhaler/EpiPen for generic use.

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registered in England and Wales, company number 07730920.
Registered office: The Arthur Terry School, Kittoe Road, Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, B74 4RZ
CEO Richard Gill, NPQH, NLE, FRSA

Re-focus Time

Detentions continue to be set and held on the same day. All detentions are added to Go 4 Schools so parents are aware. Year 7 parents will be contacted about detentions until October half term. After this please refer to Go4schools.

Curriculum

We encourage parents/carers to regularly visit the school's website where Information can be found about the school curriculum. Each subject page details what is taught across each year so that parents/carers can support students by discussing their learning with them at home. There is a section on the Arthur Terry Learner which we use in school to promote effective life-long learning habits. Information can also be found about the Personal Development and Careers curriculum which is vital in the development of our students into well-rounded members of society.

Go4Schools

To register for Go4Schools for the first time visit Go4Schools on the school website

<https://www.go4schools.com/sso/account/login?site=Parent&returnUrl=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.go4schools.com%2Fparents%2Fdefault.aspx> and sign up using the email address you provided to the school when your child enrolled with us. The lay out of this page will look slightly different if you access the site on your phone to on a laptop or other device.

If you have registered for Go4Schools but cannot remember your password, you can select the 'forgotten password' option on the webpage and follow the guidance provided. We do not currently use the app so you will not be able to access information this way.

Road Safety

Please can we ask all parents/carers to remind students about the need to be careful when cycling to school. Historically, we have had reports of students weaving in and out of cars along Kittoe Road when approaching school, causing danger for both them and other road users. Students should also be careful when crossing roads and when walking along the narrow footpaths near to the train station.

Arthur Terry Site

Access

Access to Arthur Terry is via Beaton Road, and we operate a one-way system. Please note, if you do drive along Kittoe Road towards the school there is a 'no entry' sign preventing you from entering. We are currently having building work done on the site that is causing some disruption; this is due to be finished by the end of September.

Drop-off

There is a drop zone on site, however access is limited, and the school site gets very busy with staff arriving for work. If your child is unable to walk or cycle to school, there is the option to drop your child on Clarence Road and for them to walk through the path between Clarence Road and the school site.

Front of School (in front of reception and dining hall)

We would politely ask that you do not park at the front of school as this is for permit holders, and delivery/emergency vehicles only.

At the end of the school day, the front of school is coned off for the safety of students, staff, and visitors. Please do not move the cones, if you are picking children up. Access to the top carpark from Kittoe Road is not permitted and is signposted as a **NO ENTRY**. Please also ensure the drop off/pick up area remains clear.

If you have an appointment during the school day you can park in any designated area on site, excluding the front of school.

Blue Badge Holders

There are several marked bays for blue badge holders at the front of school.

6th Form Students

6th form students must confirm their vehicle details to the 6th form team and park at the end of the all-weather pitch (accessible on the left-hand side of the entrance gate off Beaton Road)

As ever, we request that visitors are sympathetic to our residential neighbours and do not block or turn around on their driveways. Local roads are 20 MPH zones, and our on-site speed limit is 10MPH. The safety of our children and visitors to school is of the utmost importance to us and we are eager to reduce any possible difficulties.

Contacting School

The fastest and most efficient way to contact your child's tutor or subject teacher is via the relevant Year Group email address. We would encourage you to use this for any pastoral issues you may have.

Please see below a list of the year group emails for your convenience. We endeavour to respond to all emails within 48 hours; please be mindful we will not be able to put phone calls through to teachers during the school day as staff will be teaching.

Year7@arthurterry.bham.sch.uk
Year8@arthurterry.bham.sch.uk
Year9@arthurterry.bham.sch.uk
Year10@arthurterry.bham.sch.uk
Year11@arthurterry.bham.sch.uk
Year12@arthurterry.bham.sch.uk
Year13@arthurterry.bham.sch.uk

For more generic enquiries (e.g. curriculum based questions, MCAS, Go4Schools, Finance) please use Enquiry@arthurterry.bham.sch.uk to contact school.

MCAS – My Child at School



Arthur Terry School uses a home communication system called My Child At School (MCAS). Log in details have been emailed home to all parents along with a user guide.

All parents/carers will need to download the App, which is available free of charge through your app store or google play store. Please search for "My Child At School".

A tutorial video and User Guide has been added to the school website for your convenience and to help with any issues you may have in setting the App up. Alternatively, please see the link below:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OFiYuhsnGf0&t=4s>

MCAS is used for all important correspondence we send home (e.g., attendance, important parental updates/ letters, etc.) The app also helps to keep all school correspondence (emails, texts, and announcements) in one place.

If you are using the service for the first time, please click on "Redeem Invitation Code?" to enter your initial details.

If you are having any problems accessing this service, please email enquiry@arthurterry.bham.sch.uk

Twitter



The school advertises many of its events and important dates on Twitter - Please follow us - Arthur Terry School @ArthurTerrySch

START OF NEW ACADEMIC YEAR SEPTEMBER 2022 (*All Dates Subject To Change*)

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 21st September	International Day of Peace
Thursday 22nd September	National Fitness Day
Monday 26th September	European Day of Languages Sexual Health Week (assemblies taking place)
Thursday 29th September	Open Evening for prospective Year 7 & Year 12
Friday 30th September	Sixth Form Applications Open Macmillan Coffee Morning (Cake sale for charity)

October

Monday 3rd October	Start Of Black History Month
Wednesday 5th October	World Teachers Day
Monday 10th October	World Mental Health Day
Thursday 13th October	Year 11 Information Event (TBC)
Monday 17th October	Year 12 Settling in Evening Year 7 Settling in Evening
Tuesday 18th October	World Menopause Day
Thursday 20th October	End of Term Praise Event School Disco 6-7.30 pm School closes for Half Term at 3.05pm
Friday 21st October	Teacher Training Day: <i>School Closed to Students</i>

October HALF TERM (School Closed) - Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October