



Chilton Primary School / Ramsgate Arts Primary School / Upton Junior School

Term 3 Viking Newsletter

Dear Viking Families,

We have reached the end of another hugely successful term for all of the schools in the Viking Academy Trust, and I would like to thank all of you who have contributed to the outstanding learning experiences of our pupils during the last 6 weeks. It has been a pleasure to work alongside parents, staff and children and to witness such a thriving community at work.

The start of a new year allows us to reflect upon our hopes for the year ahead. For however long 'New Year's Resolutions' are kept for, they were made with a sense of determination and purpose of being a better version of yourself. January also saw us as Viking take the time to reflect once again on who we are and what we stand for.

Below you will see an extract from our Viking website setting out our shared purpose...

Empowering children through education - 'One Childhood One Chance'



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Founded in 2016, Viking is the first primary-only academy trust in Thanet. It comprises of three successful schools: Chilton Primary School, Ramsgate Arts Primary School and Upton Junior School.

VIKING MISSION: The VIKING ACADEMY TRUST is committed to improving the life chances of all children. Through high quality teaching and learning and an innovative, inspirational curriculum, our children will discover a love of learning, a thirst for knowledge and the opportunity to develop their talents beyond the confines of the classroom!

Our 'One Childhood One Chance' philosophy resonates across all aspects of life in a Viking school.

'One Childhood One Chance' The amount of time children spend in education is finite. We have a responsibility to ensure that every moment a child is in a VIKING school, must be spent productively. Once wasted, it is gone forever and cannot be given back.

Ofsted.

Upton Junior School's recent extremely successful Ofsted ([click here to read the report](#)) highlights many aspects of outstanding educational provision that can be seen across our three Viking schools. The feedback from the Inspection team contained many, many positives – however for me, what resonated the most, as I listened bursting with pride – was when the inspection team told us how the Upton children had spoken of belonging to not just the Upton family but of being part of the Viking family.

They understood the connections between our three Viking schools and the sense of belonging to something more than just their school. This sense of 'togetherness' and Viking Family is something we work hard to develop – with our children, staff and families.



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Our trust-wide competitions, sporting events, junior leadership teams and other events are planned to unite and join our three school communities under the banner of 'Viking'.

Speaker Competition.

Next term our three schools will participate in the hotly contested 'Speaker Competition', with heats held within each school to select finalists to represent Chilton, RAPS and Upton at the Viking Speaker Grand Final on 28th March. For the first time there will be two age-groups with finalists selected in Year 3 and 4 as well as Year 5 and 6.

With two prizes up for grabs, the question on everyone's lips is... Who will become Viking's Best Orator? Upton will be looking to retain the championship title, but this won't be easy as Chilton are eager to achieve their first win and RAPS are looking to claim back the crown!

Last Year's Winner:



Esme from
Upton Juniors

Second Place:



Bronwen from
Chilton Primary

Third Place:



Willow from
Ramsgate Arts

Watch this space for further details to follow at the start of term 4.



Code of Conduct.

Viking staff, like the children and families, have a 'Code of Conduct' to adhere to. This is, in essence, our 'rule book for respect'. Recently, the Viking Leaders from across the trust worked together to create their own 'Code of Conduct'.

Under the heading 'Show common human decency' we have written the following (which is true for every member of our Viking family – young or old, staff, leader, child or parent) . 'Be aware of the impact you have on others' If you hurt someone, saying "I wasn't aware" or "I didn't mean to" is not good enough. It is your responsibility to be aware of the impact you have on others and to make amends when you've hurt them.

All of these things are as true for our Viking family as they are for the country and indeed the world. Multicultural, multi faith modern Britain needs schools to support families to raise children who recognise we all must play our part and take responsibility for our actions. Respect is the foundation of any relationship and is fundamental if relationships are to be positive and fruitful. I ask that if you are dissatisfied with any aspect of school life, or you seek answers to questions you may have – that you reach out and speak with us before making your views public by posting on social media.

As we say time and again, we are not perfect, we will make mistakes but believe me when I tell you we do not intentionally set out to get something wrong – because that would be just silly, and silly we are not! Communication is key, so talk to us. Let's never forget we on the same side, we want the very best for every one of our Viking children.

On behalf of the staff teams working at Chilton, at RAPS and at Upton, I wish you a lovely half-term holiday.

With my warmest wishes
Mrs. M Lewis
Executive Headteacher



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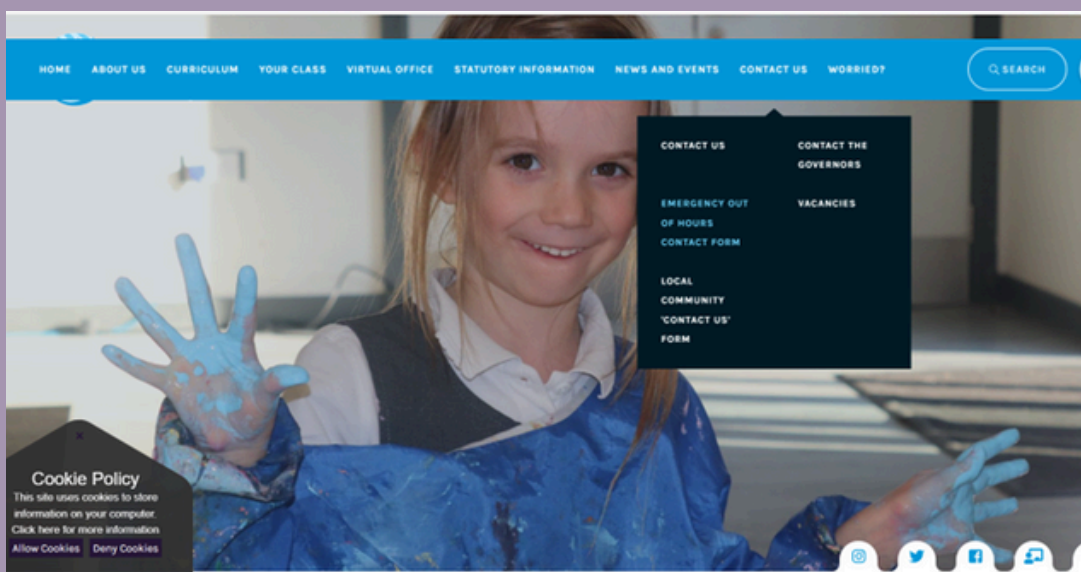
HOLIDAY REMINDER: Emergency ‘Out of Hours’ Contact Form...At Viking, we appreciate, despite best efforts, not everything fits within the window of a school day and emergency situations may leave you urgently wanting to contact the school. Office and Head of School emails are shared on school websites – but, as you may have seen – staff are under no obligation to read or respond to work emails outside of the ‘working day’.

The message on all Viking email accounts reads as follows...The Viking Academy Trust respects the wellbeing of its staff. There is no expectation that emails are responded to before 8am or after 5pm Monday to Friday, at the weekend or during school holidays.

We have therefore created an ‘Emergency Out of Hours’ contact form for parents or carers to use if they feel they urgently need to share information / get in touch prior to the start of the next working day. To access this form,

Please click the ‘Contact Us’ tab on the school website and the emergency out of hours link can be accessed.

See the example below taken from RAPS’s website:





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