



# AVENUE JUNIOR SCHOOL

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By now you should have received your year group pack of information about the year. Unfortunately due to a County wide issue with a few types of email we are unable to send information by email to everybody at this present time so we are sending letters out on paper to everybody and emails to those we can. We are working with Norfolk County Council to resolve this issue. It is frustrating but do please be aware that your email may not always get to us so if you are expecting an answer and hear nothing, please ring! Also if you need extra copies of letters for parents who live apart please let us know. In the meantime the curriculum information is on the website.

Within Year 3 and new parents' packs there will have been a number of forms to return; please make sure these are returned promptly. All parents/carers in Years 4 - 6 will have had a data sheet to check, amend as necessary and return. It is very important that we have up to date contact information details for **all** parents/carers who have parental responsibility as well as emergency contacts.

### Sport and Clubs

I am pleased to report that the school has just been accredited with the Gold Sports Mark Award for sports provision in school. This is a great accomplishment and many thanks go particularly to Sam Barwick for her dedication to ensuring as many opportunities as possible are found for children to get active, both in and out of school.

On that note, I am not sure that all parents/carers are fully aware of all the clubs offered in school; sometimes due to children not bringing home the letters! All the clubs we can offer this year are on the website under the tab 'clubs'. We have 465 children in school and as much as we would love to offer everything which is requested, it is not possible but there is a good selection of sporting and non-sporting clubs. Some are offered by school staff at no cost but external providers do charge. This year we have some new clubs before school including archery, fencing and street dance. Please do check the website for more details of these clubs and contact the office if you would like your child to attend and require a letter.

Whilst we are on the subject of the website it was very interesting in the last Parent Survey that the website was found to be as useful as we thought! All schools are required by the government to have a website and there are some essential items and reports that must be there. We work hard to keep it as up to date as possible and it is full of information but if you have any suggestions of what else you would like to be on there or what you feel is missing, please do let us know!

The full report on the Parent Survey is on the website. Thank you for all of the parents who completed the survey. I have analysed the survey with the Chair of Governors and with the staff and governing body we will be looking at the results and how we can address areas of need as well as celebrating the very positive feedback we received. We have taken on board your comments about being more involved in school life and there are already dates in the diary for events you can attend. If you would like to help in school we would love to hear from you. We especially need parents to help with reading and tables practice – just contact the office to arrange this.

### PARKING

Can I remind all parents of the need to park very carefully. Unfortunately, many cars are being parked on the corners of roads making it very dangerous for children and families to cross the road safely. This is particularly the case on College Road, Swansea Road and Milford Road. The island in the middle of the road, close to College Road **should not** be used for parking.

We understand that some parents need to drive to school and we are working closely with all local schools and residents to improve the situation regarding parking for drop offs and pick ups. In the meantime we would be grateful if all drivers could be considerate and safe.