



AVENUE JUNIOR SCHOOL

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September 2020 Newsletter

Welcome back!

I cannot stress enough how wonderful it has been to have so many children back at school. I know some of you have had to stay at home but please know that we can't wait to see you again soon!

It's such a shame that many of our usual events will have to be cancelled and delayed this year, so we may not have fairs and concerts! But the best thing about the return to school for most children is the happiness it has brought them to see their friends, meet their teachers and carry on their learning journey. Even with all of the routines and changes we've made, a child said to me the other day, 'It's like we've never been away.' This made all of us very happy.

Information about suspected cases of Covid

You will have received a letter from me last week saying that we had a suspected case in school. Just to reassure you that **to date we have had no confirmed cases of Coronavirus**. We will always keep you up-to-date with the information that you need to know and if we ever had a positive test confirmed, would inform you immediately.

Please see the separate document attached which is produced by the Department for Education to help parents to know what to do in different situations linked to Covid 19.

A few reminders

- No parents or carers are permitted to enter the school building without prior arrangement. This includes visiting the Office. If your child has forgotten something, please call school rather than arriving unannounced to hand it to the office staff
- Children should wear PE kit on PE days. They will not be able to get changed at school
- Please label ALL items of clothing worn to school including PE kits
- Please label all lunchboxes and water bottles
- Please do not arrive early for drop off or collection of children as this causes unnecessary queues on the surrounding paths.

Communication

Day-to-day: Class Dojo is an excellent way to instantly message your child's teacher. Please don't expect a reply before 8am and after 5pm. Teachers may not reply at weekends!

Absence: Please email the school office or phone the office and leave a message

If you wish to have a virtual meeting with a member of staff other than your child's teacher, please email the office to arrange this. Any other queries, please email the school office: office@avenuejunior.org

Remote Learning

I'm sure I speak for all of us when I say that we hope that school remains open to all children with a full compliment of staff! However, just to inform you about the 'what if' situations...

If your child has to isolate but is well, we will send work home and contact them and you regularly to ensure the work is being engaged with and to offer support.

If your child's teacher is absent but well, they will teach classes remotely where appropriate and children will be supported in class by support staff (teachers can appear on the big screen in class)

If a whole class, year group or the school has to close for any period, we will teach remotely and will inform you how to access this. Please make sure that the office has the most up-to-date email address for parents and carers.

In any scenario, the teaching will be as close to what we had planned as possible.

GDPR

Avenue Junior is committed to ensuring that your personal data is processed and stored within GDPR data protection laws. Our Privacy Notice has more information about how we do this. It can be accessed at

<http://www.avenuejuniorschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Data-Privacy-Notice-2020-update.pdf>

Message from our governors

The governors are delighted to have the children and staff safely back in school! We really appreciate the extra efforts that parents and children have had to make to ensure that all the plans that were put in place by the school are working well. Thank you all. As governors, we are sad not to be able to come into school as we normally would but our governing work continues as usual. We do have a vacancy for a parent governor, so if you are interested in discussing this with me please do email me at governor@avenuejunior.org.

Parent Support Adviser (PSA)

Lauren Gislam, our PSA is available via phone: 07468727034 and email: psa@avenuejunior.org

She has a wealth of training and expertise and can support with a wide range of issues from sleep routines to online safety. If you feel you need support, please do contact her.

If any member of the household experiences possible coronavirus symptoms: change in taste or smell, fever/high temperature or cough (new, continuous – coughing a lot for more than an hour or 3 or more episodes in 24 hours, then the whole household MUST isolate and children MUST NOT be sent to school. The person with symptoms should get a test. Many parents have reported that the online system is struggling but if you persist and keep refreshing/revisiting the page then slots do eventually become available. We hope this situation improves. Children can return to school if the test is negative.

Please read the Attendance and Legal Intervention Letter at <http://www.avenuejuniorschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Attendance-and-legal-intervention-letter-18-Sept-2020.pdf> If you ever have any worries or concerns about attendance, please contact Mr Hooper (Head of School) or Lauren Gislam (PSA).