



AVENUE JUNIOR SCHOOL

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October 2020 Newsletter

End of the first half term!

After all of the planning over the summer, the children have been brilliant on their return to school this half term. Yes, things have been a little different but the children have found a 'new normal' and learning has continued. We have been incorporating some of last years' missed learning into this year's lessons and will keep a very close eye on all of the pupils to make sure they are well supported to catch up where needed. Just a reminder that we break up on Wednesday 21st October for half term (Wednesday 21st will be the last day). We hope you all enjoy a wonderful half term and look forward to seeing the children back on Monday November 2nd.

A few reminders

- All water bottles and lunch boxes must be labelled.
- No items other than lunch boxes and water bottles are allowed to be brought into school except suitable clothing for the weather!
- Please ensure that your children are dropped off by the end of their drop off time and collected before the end of their allotted time.
- No food items containing nuts or kiwis are allowed in school.

Information about suspected cases of Covid

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.

Important Dates

16th October – Wear Red Day

2nd November – the 2nd half term begins

9th and 12th November – parent/carer consultation evenings

18th December – the Autumn term ends (Christmas holiday begins!)

4th January 2021 – Spring term begins

12th February – End of half term

22nd February – 2nd Spring half term begins

26th March – End of Spring Term (Easter Holiday begins)

12th April – Summer term begins

28th May – End of half term

7th June – 2nd Summer half terms begins

21st July – End of the school Year

Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings

On 9th and 12th November 3.30 pm-7.30pm we will hold our meetings with the teacher. These will be virtual and you will be able to book your 10-minute appointment online. More details to follow!

Remote Learning

If your child has to isolate at home but is not unwell, then they will be able to access learning via the Class Dojo page. On this page, teachers upload a link to all of the work that's being covered each week. The link contains videos that either the teachers have made or selected that deliver the same content as the children would have received at school.

Because the learning is made of videos, the children can access them on most devices and at a time that is convenient to them (and you!). We understand that you may have your own work to do and might also have other children at home and so we have kept the videos as simple as possible. This way, children can pause, rewind and go through the videos at a pace that suits them.

Teachers will check in with the children to find out how they are getting on but if you want to ask for help, just contact your child's teacher on Class Dojo. Likewise, if the work seems too hard or easy, then please get in touch with the teacher. Feel free to have a look at the resources so you know what's being taught each week so you're used to how it works.

Safeguarding Children

Safeguarding children is our Number 1 priority at school. We have well-trained staff who are responsible for ensuring safeguarding is taken seriously and that everything is done to ensure that children are safe both in school and outside of school – Mr. Hooper is the main contact for this and Mr. Chambers is the deputy lead in this area. Our safeguarding policy is available at <http://www.avenuejuniorschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Safeguarding-Policy-2020-21.pdf>

Home/School Agreement

Please see <http://www.avenuejuniorschool.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/HOME-SCHOOL-AGREEMENT-1-1.pdf> which sets out the agreement between home and school. This has had a recent update and so it is important to ensure that you have read and understood it.

Parent Mail

We wish to offer further apology for the delay in setting up Parent Mail. We know that many of you will have been waiting to pay for your lunches etc.

The delay has been due to a technical issue with the moving up of all children and adding the new children onto the system. We have been seeking support with this and hope to have it up and running very soon. Please be aware that you will be billed for any items purchased as soon as it is up and running and we would appreciate swift payment. Huge thank you for your patience and understanding on this matter.

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.