



AVENUE JUNIOR SCHOOL

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July 2021 Newsletter

We have almost arrived at the end of the year where we can look back with pride about how, as a community, we have continued to pull together to support the children and each other through these extraordinary and challenging times. Thank you for all of your support and understanding; we look forward to seeing you all again in September!

September Arrangements

A separate letter will be sent detailing our arrangements in September, **but our current arrangements will not change before the end of the term.**

There will not be staggered start and finish times.

8.30am: the gates will open. Children should be in school and ready to learn by 8.45am

8.50am: the gates will close – please go to the main office if arriving after this time

3.15pm: school finishes

We will still retain some measures during the school day to give some reassurance and protection, but we will not be operating using class bubbles.

Before the end of next week, you will receive communication with full details about everything you need to know for September. Of course, we will keep you updated via Class Dojo if any of the plans need to change.

Free School Meals

Over the summer holiday, the Local Authority is funding free school meal vouchers for eligible families. These have a value of £15 per child per week. If your circumstances have changed, your child may now be eligible for free school meals.

Please check your eligibility here:

<https://www.norfolk.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-meals-and-milk>

Let us know if your circumstances have changed and you are **newly** eligible.

Staff gifts/cards

We have been asked by several parents and carers if it is ok for them to give gifts and cards at the end of the year to staff. We are happy for you to do so but wish to emphasise that there is no obligation to do this!

If you need support over the Summer...

Just One Norfolk (<https://www.justonenorfolk.nhs.uk/>) is a great site which acts as a central base for advice and support about parents' and children's health needs. It includes a range of links to helpful information and agencies that can help. They also have a telephone number 0300 300 0123 that you can call.

Safeguarding

If you are concerned about a child in Norfolk and want to speak to someone, contact Children's Services on 0344 800 8020. If you consider the incident to be an emergency, call 999.

Staffing Updates

Miss. Sabbar is leaving to join Drayton Junior after successfully completing her first year of teaching with us.

Mrs. Heald is leaving us to relocate back to Sheffield to further her studies.

Mr. Webb and Mrs. Waje are leaving us as Teaching Assistants to begin Teacher Training.

Mr. Girdlestone, who has taught violin lessons for a number of years at Avenues, has retired.

I'm sure you will join me in thanking them for their excellent contributions to school and in wishing each of them the very best of luck in the future.

School Term Dates

Autumn term

Monday 6 September - Friday 22 October 2021

Half-term holiday: Monday 25 - Friday 29 October 2021

Monday 1 November - Friday 17 December 2021

Christmas holiday: Monday 20 December – Tuesday 4th January 2022

Spring term

Thursday 6th January - Friday 11 February 2022

Half-term holiday: Monday 14 - Friday 18 February 2022

Monday 21 February - Friday 1 April 2022

Easter holiday: Monday 4 - Tuesday 19 April 2022

Summer term

Wednesday 20 April - Friday 27 May 2022 (Monday 2 May is a Bank Holiday)

Half-term holiday: Monday 30 - Friday 3 June 2022

Monday 6 June - Friday 22 July 2022

Summer holiday: Monday 25 July - Monday 5 September 2022

Please note, the date of 5th January 2022 is a holiday day to replace the Diamond Jubilee day which falls in school holiday time. This is a difference to the published Norfolk term dates. All schools have been told to take an additional day and we have agreed this with Recreation Road Infant School. 5th January was recommended as the date to take by the Local Authority.

School Uniform

We would like to remind parents of the school uniform requirements.

The uniform is as follows:

- Royal Blue jumper or cardigan with school logo
- Grey or black school trousers, skirt or dress
- White or royal blue polo shirt
- White, black or grey socks or tights
- Black school shoes
- Items of clothing or accessories which are required by religious beliefs are welcome in school but should be in line with school colours of blue, grey or black.

In summer:

- Black or grey school shorts or blue gingham school dress are an acceptable alternative.
- Sensible sandals with a buckled strap may be worn but parents need to bear in mind potential for injuries with open-toed shoes.
- White, grey or black ankle socks.

For PE:

- Plain white t-shirt (long or short sleeved)
- Black shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms
- Appropriate sport shoes should be worn (plimsolls or trainers with non – marking soles)
- Warm sportswear (trousers and jumper) should be worn in cold weather.

In our consideration of school uniform our guiding principle has been that it should be practical, affordable and easily available. Parents may purchase the vast majority of it from wherever they choose, however school sweatshirts with a logo will be available from Stevensons on Ber Street, Norwich (www.stevensons.co.uk) or PMG (www.pmgsschoolwear.co.uk).

More details available at

<http://www.avenuejuniorschool.org/office/school-uniform/>