



AVENUE JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Since March 2019, school has had to operate very differently to how we would normally. This has meant putting in place measures and restrictions such as limiting sharing of resources and asking for all adults to wear masks in communal spaces. This letter is to update you about our plans for September given that national restrictions have now been lifted.

We have reflected on the changes that we have had to make in this past 18 months and some of the new routines will remain in place as they have been very effective. We are also aware that COVID will not have disappeared by September and therefore we will have some restrictions in place to help us keep the children and our community safe.

Please also be aware that whilst we are planning to end some of our own restrictions and need to plan ahead, we have come to know that we may need to react to the changing needs of the pandemic and so will keep you updated over the summer if the following plans need to change.

The plan will be reviewed regularly.

No More Bubbles

Children from different classes and year groups will be able to share communal spaces around school although we will keep some separation of Year Groups in indoor spaces.

Beginning and End of Day Arrangements

The day will run from 8.30am-3.15pm

Children should all start school at the same time. The gates on Swansea Road and Avenue Road are the gates that all children should use. **The main reception should not be used.** The gates will be opened at 8.30am and close at 8.50. School starts at 8.45am.

In the exceptional circumstance of children being late to school, they will need to be brought to the main office and signed in by an accompanying adult. Please do your very best to avoid this.

The school day will finish at 3.15pm for all children. Parents can collect children from the playgrounds as follows –

- Year 3: collect from the small playground (nearest the building) near the covered area and Pirate Ship
- Year 4: collect from the small playground (nearest the building) near the railing fence and small wooden hut
- Year 5: collect from the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)
- Year 6: collect from the Main playground

Collection arrangements – Please complete the Form at [https://forms.office.com/r/tw\[\[\[GeReriCc](https://forms.office.com/r/tw[[[GeReriCc) to tell us how your child will usually go home/be collected.

Break times

10.15-10.30: Year 3 and 4 break
 10.35-11.00: Year 5 and 6 break
 11.45-12.45: Year 3 and 4 lunch
 12.45-13.45: Year 5 and 6 lunch
 14.00-14.15: Year 3 and 4 break
 15.15: school day ends for all children

We ask that children do not bring in items from home to play with during breaktimes but we will be expanding our range of activities and providing some resources for them to use which they haven't had access to this year.

PE

We will be continuing to ask for children to attend school in their PE kits for the whole day. This has worked brilliantly over the last 18 months and has meant that children are spending more time being active in PE lessons rather than spending time changing. PE kit should be white top, black shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms. In the cooler months, children can wear an Avenues Jumper or a blue or black tracksuit top/hoodie. All clothing should be plain. We will let you know the days when your child has PE.

Resources including stationery

We will continue to provide all the resources the children will need so we ask that apart from lunchboxes and named water bottles, no other items must be brought to school.

Visitors in School

We will still maintain no visitors or parents in school without prior arrangement, this includes bringing items in or visiting the office unless dropping off medication. However, we do look forward to inviting you in for special events where we will still operate a cautious approach with distancing in place. We will review this termly. We will be offering opportunities for parents and carers to come in and see your children's work during the year.

Assemblies

We will have Year group assemblies face-to-face and hold weekly whole-school assemblies virtually.

Classes will have one assembly where parents and carers will be invited in to watch. We will send an invite to parents near to the time.

Clubs

Whilst some virtual clubs may continue to run as this has been successful, we will be expanding our offer to include face-to-face clubs. Look out for this information in mid-September.

Payments to school (for lunches, trips, music lessons etc.)

We will continue to be a cashless school with all payments needing to be made via ParentMail. Details for new parents will be sent out early September.

Masks

We are no longer asking parents and carers to wear masks anywhere outside on our school site. However, if you are entering the school building for a meeting or an event, we may ask you to wear a mask.

Working together

We will still continue to do everything we can do to minimise the spread of the virus including making sure classrooms and areas are ventilated, maintaining handwashing and additional cleaning systems in place.

Please continue to be vigilant in alerting the school immediately (from September) should your child have symptoms of COVID-19. Testing using a PCR test will still be required.

Have a wonderful summer break and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Best wishes

Mike Hooper & Debbie Dismore