



# The Aylesbury Vale Academy

Including Berryfields Primary

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12 June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you and your families are keeping well.

The last fortnight in school has been successful and proved that the short familiarisation sessions are working. Some children were nervous; this was to be expected after a long period away from school, but with our safety measures in place, everyone was able to adjust well.

Our teams are still out and about in the community, please say 'Hi' if you see us. This week we have seen the most amazing work; thank you all for sharing this when you have seen us, it really makes us very proud to be your teachers.

I wrote to the parents/carers of the Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children to let them know the plan for the next fortnight. We feel confident to increase the session timings for these children slightly. This small increase will allow our cleaning team to continue to perform a deep clean after every session. It will also ensure that if a classroom is used more than once in a day the clean can take place in between sessions.

To be in a position to consider expanding to children in other year groups, we need to manage staffing and physical space. Our classrooms normally house up to 32 children and 2 adults. With the social distancing in place the maximum number we can fit in each room is 15 children and 2 adults. Obviously, all rooms vary in size. We do not want to split classes and feel it imperative that all children from each class are able to attend on the same day to ensure social well-being and interaction. We therefore need at least double the space that we usually require in 'normal' times. We are *hoping* see all children by the end of the summer term, but will review the possibility of this weekly.

To ensure that we are not increasing risks, we are keeping our key workers 'mini school' completely separate to the 'main' school. This will unfortunately mean that if your child(ren) attend the mini school they will not be brought across to the main school groups.

Please stay safe, follow the most recent advice and remain alert. I would like to say thank you to all of our community for your ongoing support. We are listening to all of the views and doing what we feel is correct for our school and children.

If you require further information, please contact me via the school office which is open from 8.30am-11.30am daily.

Yours sincerely

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