



# The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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## PARENT BULLETIN No. 5 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021



Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have all had a lovely week.

Whilst we do not want to focus on the negative I need to draw your attention to the significant numbers of positive COVID cases that we have in school.

Please be vigilant, book a PCR if needed and use lateral flows regularly. We have to consider keeping our whole community safe and sadly this week a number of local schools have had to close classes and year groups due to high numbers and staff needing to remain at home. Taking the time to get a PCR can help us stay open and enable all children to attend school.

If your child is in Year 6 the online portal (via Buckinghamshire Council) is now open to apply for secondary places. Although your child is guaranteed a space in AVA secondary you DO NEED to still apply. Every year we have disappointed children (and parents) when the applications are not completed correctly.

On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September we will be opening the school up from 3.30pm- 4.15pm for you to visit your child's classroom and see their books. We need to be careful and ask you to wear masks. Please collect your child as normal and then come to main reception at 3.30pm.

Spaces are filling up -for the families of children looking for a reception space for September 2022 - to visit on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September from 6pm.

We are currently unable to offer daytime visits whilst the children are in school - due to the increase in local COVID cases.

Please remember school closes from 1.20pm on this day.

Our preschool is closed on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September due to essential staff training. These sessions have been rescheduled due to the pandemic but are statutory for our staff.

We will be holding a mufti day on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October- there will be a £1 charge as we are supporting a very special charity. More details to follow.

On Monday we conducted our first practice fire drill of the academic year. We handle this in an age appropriate way to ensure that all children understand and that none are scared. As always the children were amazing. This protocol takes place every term so that we can be reassured that all parties are confident.

## Wrap Around Care

All wrap around care can be booked via the School Gateway app you are also able to check the sessions that you've booked under the Manage Bookings section.

## Hot Meals

All hot meal bookings can be checked via the School Gateway app. When you click on the date it will bring up your selections. If it won't let you click on it or it has a black dot it means that you haven't booked and are unable to book.

If you haven't booked a hot meal, please provide your child with a packed lunch.

***Attached is a Harrison's form please complete this and return to the school if your child has a food allergy.***

## Photos

On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October can all children please come into school in their school uniform there will be **no PE** on that day.

The sibling photo request has now closed and the requests have been sent to the provider. If you haven't requested a photo unfortunately it is now too late. We have also contacted all the parents who requested a photo with secondary children or children from other settings to advise that we cannot do these photos this year.

## Late Collections

We will be adding late collection charges to the accounts of parents that collect late, if we have to put them into After School Club this will also be an additional charge. Please can we ask that children are booked into the wrap around care or collected on time to avoid these additional charges.

Late collection fees are £20 per child per instance plus an additional £10 per session if we have to put them into After School club.

## Appointments and Change of Collection

Please advise us of any appointments as soon as possible and not on the day unless it is an emergency. We also need to see a proof of appointment either a letter or screenshot if it is a text message, please send these through to [primaryattendance@theacademy.me](mailto:primaryattendance@theacademy.me).

If you have a change of collection please email this through to [avaprimary@theacademy.me](mailto:avaprimary@theacademy.me) by **12noon** so that this is picked up by the Teacher in plenty of time. Unfortunately, not all messages can be monitored whilst teaching and the Reception staff are unable to interrupt teaching for each change of collection unless it is an emergency.

## Absence Requests and Illness

All leave of absence requests need to be sent to [primaryattendance@theacademy.me](mailto:primaryattendance@theacademy.me). The forms can be collected from the school office.

All illnesses can be reported via the sickness line or an email sent to [primaryattendance@theacademy.me](mailto:primaryattendance@theacademy.me) please do not attend the school office to report an absence.

**Kind regards**

**Mrs C Baughan**



HM Government



If you have any of the following symptoms:



A new, continuous cough



A high temperature



A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

**Get a test as soon as possible.**  
**Stay at home until you get the result.**

## Well-being Matters

The current situation is a challenge for all, and we appreciate our students may find the uncertainty of the pandemic difficult. The safeguarding team are always here to support our students and we can be reached directly using the following email address: [safeguarding@theacademy.me](mailto:safeguarding@theacademy.me)

There are several charities who can support your child if you are concerned about their mental health, these are listed below:



**Kooth** - online counselling for young people

[www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)

NHS

EVERY MIND MATTERS

**Every Mind Matters**

[www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters](http://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters)



**Mind**

[www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing](http://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing)



**Mental Health Foundation**

<https://mentalhealth.org.uk/coronavirus>

**Thank you for everything you are doing at this difficult time in support the children at the Aylesbury Vale Academy.**