



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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PARENT BULLETIN No. 3

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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been lovely to be back in for a full week and also to enjoy some sun - better late than never!!

This week we have welcomed all of our Reception children into school for full days. Lunch time has been a huge hit and it is lovely to see how sociable and well-mannered the children are. Many adults have commented on what a gorgeous group of children we have - well done to all of you parents and carers for helping your child flourish so beautifully.

We have (as expected) a number of cases of Covid-19 in school this week. The current guidance was sent to you this week in the letter from us and PHE. The feedback from PHE is that these cases are as a result of returning from the summer holidays and that they are not linked to school.

As a school we follow all advice from Public Health England and strive to keep everyone as safe as possible. We would recommend regular Lateral Flow Tests for adults and children. We must remember the virus is still rife and to be careful. Many of our families have vulnerable members who we must strive to protect.

A reminder of the new collection times and locations. Drop off remains the same as always as the soft start (between 8.30am and 8.50pm) allows less gathering of people in the same space.

2.45pm- Dolphins Gate A
2.45pm - Turtles Gate B
3.00pm - Year 1 Gate A
3.00pm - Year 2 Gate B
3.10pm- Year 3 Gate A
3.10pm - Year 4 Gate B
3.00pm - Year 5 Hall doors
3.10pm - Year 6 Hall doors
3.30pm- Preschool (Preschool gate)

If your child is off school due to COVID-19 there is work on our school website for each year group to access. This will be updated when needed. As most children are off school when they are poorly, we understand if they cannot complete work. However, some children remain positive but symptom free. Therefore, there is work to support your child's education and development.

This week we have held our first, whole school assemblies, in person, in the hall since March 2020. To all be in the same room, smiling, singing, praying and sharing stories has been overwhelming for us- in a beautiful way. We have focused on one of our school values - Respect- and children were keen to participate and share their thoughts. We used the time together to reflect and lit our candle to take time to sit and share our thoughts. The children were amazing and took everything in their stride.

On Tuesday I received the go ahead to be able to open the school for parents to join us in classrooms, chat to staff and look at your child's work. We will have 'open classrooms' on Tuesday 28th September from 3.30pm-4.15pm. Once you have collected your child please make your way to reception and then let your child show you their classroom. We request that adults wear masks in school please.

As in previous years we will be closing the school for our annual open evening event. The school will close from 1.20pm on Thursday 30th September.

Collection times will be as follows:

- 1.20pm - Reception (Playground gates)
- 1.30pm - Year 1 & 2 (Playground gates)
- 1.35pm - Year 3 & 4 (Playground gates)
- 1.35pm - Year 5 & 6 (Hall gate)

Families wishing to visit the school will be required to book slots in advance. Details of how to book will be added to the website. Please remember to wear a mask.

As with all physical events if we are asked to move to a remote/online platform we will. At the moment we are continuing to plan as 'normally' as possible but as we have seen this week things can change very quickly.

We have had a high number of queries on how to book hot meals. All hot meals, wrap around care and payments are now done via the School Gateway app please download this to access these things for your child. Please also note that this is for Primary children only. If you also have children in Secondary they will continue to use Edulink and Parent Pay. For those of you who can't download the app you are also able to access the system online at: <https://schoolcomms.com/>

Please can we also ask that you do not reply to emails that are sent from School Gateway as that mailbox isn't monitored, please send all queries through to avaprimary@theacademy.me

Kind regards

Mrs C Baughan

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

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



Every Mind Matters

www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters



Mind

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.**