



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the New Year!!

I am very excited to be welcoming all of the children, staff and families back to school over the next two days. I hope that you have all had a lovely summer break and have spent quality time with your loved ones.

Please remember that Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 return on Thursday (2nd September) and Year 3,4,5,6 return on Friday (3rd September).

The Preschool children have their 1:1 meeting with our staff and their start dates and times will be discussed there.

Reception children have shorter days on Thursday 2nd, Friday 3rd, Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th September and over these 4 days children can either be dropped at the gate from 8.30am or parents can walk the children into the playground at 9.00am once the rest of the school are in their classrooms. It is vital that parents have this choice as they know their children the best and what will suit them.

The details for drop off and collection each day is as follows:



YEAR	ENTRANCE (Drop off point)	ARRIVAL TIME	DEPARTURE TIME	EXIT (collection point)
P	Children to be dropped with staff at the side Preschool Gate	In-line with session timings	In-line with session timings	Side Preschool gate. AT THE END OF THE SESSION
R	THROUGH PLAYGROUND GATE A	8.30-8.50am	2.45pm	PLAYGROUND GATE A (TURTLES) GATE B (DOLPHINS)
1	THROUGH PLAYGROUND GATE A	8.30-8.50am	3.00pm	PLAYGROUND GATE A
2	THROUGH PLAYGROUND GATE A	8.30-8.50am	3.00pm	PLAYGROUND GATE A
3	THROUGH PLAYGROUND GATE B	8.30-8.50am	3.00pm	PLAYGROUND GATE B

4	THROUGH PLAYGROUND GATE B	8.30-8.50am	3.00pm	PLAYGROUND GATE B
5	THROUGH PLAYGROUND GATE B	8.30-8.50am	3.10pm	PLAYGROUND GATE A
6	THROUGH PLAYGROUND GATE B	8.30-8.50am	3.10pm	PLAYGROUND GATE B

We will continue to ask parents to use the car park for waiting to collect children, but with no bubbles will not need the 'safety windows' in between collection points. Therefore, timings will be as above. A late collection charge will be applied for any children that are collected from main reception as this will mean the child is collected after their allocated time.

With every year group back in one place for drop off and collection we will no longer be able to allow bikes or scooters to be ridden in or around the car park as it will be too dangerous and congested.

Please keep your child(ren) with you at all times and avoid going near the cars – as we have been made aware of damage that has happened to staff members cars around collection time this year.

The timings at the start of the day will remain the same. All children will enter through the playground gates from 8.30am to 8.50am. No children will enter through the front of the school. Obviously if the DFE, PHE or the Government guidance change again I will update this.

Wrap Around Care

Wrap around care will now be back in the Hall and drop off and collection will be at the hall doors (to the left of the main entrance). Please use the online booking system (School Gateway) to pre book places for both Breakfast Club and After School Sessions.

Hot Lunches

The hot lunches are also available to book via the School Gateway. Please note that there is a two day lead time (this **does not** include weekends or bank holidays) so for example bookings for Monday must be completed by Wednesday. You are able to check your bookings on the app and therefore if you haven't booked a meal for your child please provide them with a packed lunch. Refunds or late additions will not be made to any bookings. Any child without a booking or a packed lunch, a parent will be called to provide a packed lunch for that day.

All children R-2 will be eligible for Universal Free School Meals so you will not be charged for your meal but you must still book it via the app to receive the meal. All children who are in 3-6 will be charged. Year 3 children have been able to book without a charge due to the delayed sync in the systems these charges will appear and need to be cleared prior to booking any more hot meals.

Uniform

We will expect every child to wear the full school uniform on their return to school.

Compulsory school uniform is as follows:

- School jumper/cardigan – with logo.
- White polo shirt – with logo.
- Back trousers or black skirt.
- White socks, black socks or tights
- Black shoes (black trainers are not permitted).

- PE kit (to be worn to school on PE days):
- AVA PE top.
- Navy Shorts.
- Navy Tracksuit.
- Trainers/plimsolls.

Equipment

Children from Year 2-6 are required to bring in their own pencil cases with the following equipment:

- Pencil
- Eraser
- Ruler
- Pencil Sharpener
- Coloured pencils (optional)

NB. Students are not permitted to bring in scissors. These will be issued in class, if required.

Your child will receive a newsletter from his/her teacher which will explain the topics they are studying and when their PE days are. This will have other important dates and information on it.

Children DO NOT need to have PE kit until Monday 6th September as there will be NO PE lessons in the first 2 days of school.

COVID 19:

We are pleased that many of the restrictions have been lifted and we are no longer required to operate in bubbles or keep children apart. We will still ask visitors to wear face masks when they come into the building. If your child has symptoms, they must get a PCR test. If a child is positive they need to remain at home and isolate. If your child is a close contact they can attend school as long as they have a negative test. We will continue to seek advice from Public Health England as necessary.

We are very much looking forward to starting a new academic year under less restrictive conditions, please help us all and each other to keep safe and well.

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

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

NHS

EVERY MIND MATTERS

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.**