



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

It has been a brilliant start to term and the new school year.

It's been lovely to welcome so many happy, smiling children back to school. This, of course, includes our new children in Reception. I am always blown away by the resilience that the children demonstrate and how adaptable they are. It has been a pleasure to meet them and their families and we all look forward to getting to know them and you. We hope they will be very happy with us.

The car park should only be used by staff please this is to ensure that children are safe. Please do not park in the car park if you see the gate open as you may find that you need to wait to leave the site until it is safe.

Next week we have the 11+ for our current Year 6 children. This is always administered early in the year. If you do not wish for your child to sit this test, please contact myself in writing and we can ensure that they are not included. We are still waiting further guidance regarding physical or virtual open evenings and will keep parents updated. Applications open for secondary places in October, this includes spaces in AVA secondary.

We are excited that our Year 6 children will either attend a weeks' residential or a themed week in school from 13th September. This has not been possible due to COVID 19 restrictions in the last 2 academic years. We are hopeful that booking early has ensured that this event can happen!

All of our children look super smart in their uniform, please remember to send your child into school in school PE kit on their PE days. Parents will be contacted if children are missing uniform or PE kit. We have kept all lost property safe over the summer and will be putting this out the front of the school (weather permitting) on Monday for parents to re-claim. Please have a good look and remember to label/name all belongings.

Hot meals are currently £2.30 each. There will be an increase to £2.35 later in the term. We have tried to keep the cost as reasonable as possible for this fresh food. We are happy with the menus but welcome your feedback. Please let us know if you have any ideas or comments.

Meals must be booked using the School Gateway app, the kitchen only prepares food for confirmed orders. We are striving to avoid wasted food and all meals are freshly prepared. If you haven't ordered a meal it is the parent's responsibility to provide a healthy packed lunch.

Please can you ensure that any questions or issues are emailed through to the avaprimary@theacademy.me address, please do not reply to the School Gateway emails as that mailbox is not manned currently. We will pick up change of information from there but that is all.

We are currently in the process of organising extra-curricular clubs. We know that we are able to offer a wide range of activities to enable children to experience new hobbies or interests. There will be a small charge for the clubs to cover the cost of resourcing them. Watch this space!

Sadly next Friday we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Doyle from our school office. She is leaving us for a new adventure within the NHS. We will miss her greatly and would like to thank her for everything she has done for our school and children. I know you will join us in wishing her the best of luck.

As many of you know Miss Luton got married over the summer. She looked stunning (as did her new husband) and we have loved celebrating this happy news. Her married name is Mrs O'Neill. We are still adjusting and she keeps forgetting that this is her when we call her!! It is lovely to be able to celebrate following such difficult times. She has asked me to thank everyone who sent warm wishes to her and Mr O'Neill.

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

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.**