



The Aylesbury Vale Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year!

It was lovely to welcome both staff and children back this week. Listening to all of the stories and excitement about both the holidays and new topics in school was amazing, and very much valued (and not take for granted) compared to our experiences this time last year.

As in every local and national school we have seen an increase in positive cases of COVID 19. At the moment this is impacting us greatly upon pupil numbers. We will (as always) endeavour to keep classes open and school running as 'normal'. Many of our local colleagues have not had such good fortune and local schools have classes and year groups working remotely from home. Please help us to help everyone by following the advice of the NHS, PHE and DFE.

Many of our parents, carers and families work within the NHS and the frontline critical services, we would like to say a huge THANK YOU to them all for all that they do and sacrifice for us all. Speaking to many of you on the gate I know that the festive period has seen many challenges and staff shortages which in turn has had an impact. Here at AVA we appreciate you all.

COVID & Testing Requirements

As above we are seeing an increase in positive cases in school and ask that you all be vigilant to the symptoms so that we are able to remain open and reduce the spread of the virus. We have sent out a letter separately regarding testing and what that looks like for parents at the minute, we hope that clears up any confusion over the every changing landscape of lateral flows and PCRs.

Phase Newsletters

These will be sent out at the beginning of next week from the Phase Leaders just to highlight any changes for the classes or updates that are needed.

Mufti Day

Turtles, Panthers and Falcons will all have their mufti day on Friday 14th January as their prize for winning the competitions before Christmas. Please ensure that the clothing the children wear to school is suitable for both class based lessons and PE activities (spare footwear may be needed!).

Clubs

Clubs are starting from Wednesday 12th January. You should have received a letter with all of the information regarding the clubs for this term. As always there will be a small charge for the clubs – this helps us with the resources needed to run many of the clubs. We feel it is fair to charge the same for all clubs rather than a greater amount for some and a lesser for others.

Netball	Yrs. 4,5,6	Wednesday	40 children
Multi-skills	Yrs. 1,2,3	Friday	30 children
Sports club	Yrs. 5,6	Friday	30 children
Puzzles/ Board games	Yrs. 3,4,5,6	Friday	30 children
Science	Yrs. 1,2	Wednesday	20 children
Film	Yrs. 1,2,3 4,	Wednesday	30 children
Maths around the curriculum / problem solving	Yrs. 3,4 5,6	Wednesday	30 children
Coding	Yrs. 4,5,6	Wednesday	30 children
Drama	Yrs. 1,2,3,4,5,6	Wednesday	30 children

Reception – September 2022

A reminder to all our Preschool Parents that the deadline for applications to Reception for September 2022 is the 15th January. Bucks council have advised that there will be no support available after 4pm on the 15th January so please ensure all applications are submitting before then. Late applications will not be considered in the first round of allocations – please ensure that you meet the required deadline.

SEND

If you have any concerns with regards to the development of your child please do get in touch.

This form, once complete is immediately available to the SEND team who will review and respond accordingly.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=vujYj3JiOk-ROacP9_VtsOPQJOZF60JKt9kKJGZYuN1NUMUJCNzJYWDIXMldCWTczUjA0MUZBQjQ5WS4u

You will also find a wealth of resources on our website:

<https://www.theacademy.me/page/?title=SPECIAL+EDUCATIONAL+NEEDS&pid=99>

Swimming

We emailed earlier in the week but this is a reminder that swimming for this half term is for Falcons Class on Mondays at 1pm so please ensure that all children continue to bring in their swimming kits on a Monday. Eagles will start swimming on a Monday after February half term.

Parent Consultations

Parents Consultations are:

15/02/2022 – Early session 3.30-6.00pm

17/02/2022 – Late session 5.30-8.00pm

We wanted to give you the dates as soon as possible but will not be opening the bookings until quite late. The reason for this is so that we can try to meet face to face rather than virtually but we need to see what the landscape will be like nearer the time.

Welcome!!

From next week we will start to see Mrs Lee back in school following her maternity leave. We can't quite believe where time has gone but are super excited to see her. She will be joining Mr Trundle and Ms Gonzalez in Year 3.

It is with much excitement that we welcomed a baby girl to our extended family over the holiday. Mr Sandalls and his wife shared the happy news with us that she had arrived safely just before Christmas.



We have sent them our love from cold Buckinghamshire to even colder Cumbria!

New Year Blessing

Life is not life without God by our side.

He is the reason why we are alive.

He is everything.

Offer your prayer of thanks this New Year!

I hope that you have a lovely weekend – stay safe and warm.

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.**