

Friday 29th May 2020

Wider Opening of School

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Government have now confirmed that the wider opening of schools will begin from 1st June. Therefore, if your child is in an eligible group: keyworker, vulnerable, Resource Base, Nursery, Reception, Year 1 or Year 6 the arrangements sent to you earlier this week will begin on Monday.

We look forward to welcoming your child back to school and have put measures in place to make the environment as safe as possible for both staff and children. I will shortly post our Risk Assessment on our website so that you can view the measures we have put into place. Even though the environment will look different and there will be new rules in place, we will continue to make school as welcoming and nurturing as we can for the children. Our ethos and values remain the same: we treat every child as an individual and nurture them both academically and socially to be happy, secure and ready to learn.

The information you have already received was specific to your child's year group. This letter contains some more general information, relevant to all children.

School Office

The school office will be open during school hours, however, we would ask that parents do not come into the office unless invited by prior appointment. If you need to speak to the office, please phone in or email admin@avenue.wilts.sch.uk and someone will get back to you.

Absence

If you have informed us that your child is returning to school, we will be expecting to see them at the times stated on the previous letter. If your child is going to be absent from school, please phone into the office before 8:30am and leave a message stating your child's name and the reason for absence. As we usually do, we will contact you if your child does not arrive at school as expected and you have not phoned in to tell us.

Contact with Teachers

As you know, parents will not be able to enter the school site. If you wish to speak to your child's teacher, please either telephone or email the office (admin@avenue.wilts.sch.uk) to arrange a telephone conversation. Please make sure you give your child's name and the name of the teacher you wish to speak to.

Covid19 Symptoms

If your child or anyone in your household has covid19 symptoms then please do not bring your child to school. Covid19 symptoms to look out for are any one of:

- High temperature
- New continuous cough
- Loss of or change in your normal sense of taste and/or smell

You will need to telephone the school office to let us know. You will then need to arrange for the person with symptoms to be tested. Once you receive the results of your test, you will need to telephone the office and inform us of the result. We will then advise with what you need to do next.

If your child develops covid19 symptoms whilst in school, they will be taken to the covid19 medical room where they will be kept apart from other children and supervised by a member of staff. The office will telephone you and ask you to come to school as soon as possible to collect your child. You should take them straight home and all members of your household will need to self-isolate. You will also be required to organise a test for your child – the school office will be able to support you with this by telephone once you are back at home. Once you receive the results of your test, you will need to telephone the office and inform us of the result. We will then advise with what you need to do next.

Further advice on what to do if someone in your household develops covid19 symptoms can be found here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance/stay-at-home-guidance-for-households-with-possible-coronavirus-covid-19-infection>.

If a child or staff member in your child's bubble develops covid19 symptoms, the child or staff member will be sent home as above. The rest of the bubble will move to a different part of the school while their classroom is thoroughly cleaned. We will inform you that someone has developed symptoms but will not give any details as to the identity of the individual. The bubble will continue in school as normal. Once the parent or staff member informs us of the result of

the test, we will inform you. If the test is positive all children and staff from the bubble will be sent home and asked to self-isolate for 14 days. If anyone in your household develops symptoms within the 14 days, you will need to arrange for the person to be tested. Again, you should inform school that someone has developed symptoms and of the result of the test. After 14 days, staff and pupils who have not developed symptoms will be able to return to school.

Home Learning

Home learning will continue in the same way for children in Years 2, 3, 4 and 5. However, we would ask parents to be patient with teachers responding to you as teachers are now teaching in school as well as setting home learning – teachers from Y2, 3, 4 and 5 will be working with the keyworker and vulnerable children during term 6.

Children in Year R, 1 and 6 and children in Resource Base will be set 3 days of home learning which will follow on from the 2 days spent in school. If your child is in these year groups and you have chosen not to return them to school, there will also be suggestions of online learning such as Oak National Academy that your child can access.

Ideas for home learning for Nursery children will continue to be posted on the Canada class page on our website for when children are not in nursery.

We will continue to put paper copies of home learning for all year groups in the plastic boxes at the front of the school so parents can collect if necessary.

Returning to School

If your child is in Nursery, Reception, Resource Base, Year 1 or Year 6 and you have told us that they will not be returning to school, please do not send them to school. However, if you change your mind during the term and decide the time is right for your child to return, please phone or email the school office. You will need to have informed us by the end of Tuesday to arrange a place for your child the following week. We will confirm with you once we have organised a place for your child.

We are well aware that there is a lot of information being shared regarding children returning to school and that parents may well have lots of questions. Please look on the website over the next few days for our Risk Assessment and read through this to see the safety measures we are putting into place. Should you have any queries, please email the school office (admin@avenue.wilts.sch.uk) and someone will get back to you.

As I said at the beginning of this letter, staff are looking forward to welcoming the children back and returning to a 'new normal'.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully



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