



31 December 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Since I last wrote to you, we had no further guidance on the reopening for the Spring Term until yesterday's announcement. Following that announcement, this letter confirms our reopening plans for all phases.

Primary and Reception Pupils

All Primary aged pupils will be returning to school as planned on Monday 4th January. Lessons and timetables will remain the same as before Christmas. Teachers will continue to use the Google Classroom to upload learning materials to support you in helping your child.

Secondary Pupils – KW&VC

If your child is in the secondary phase but you are a keyworker, or if your child is classed as vulnerable, your child should be in school from the 4th January, where they will receive face-to-face teaching. Please find information below on who should be identified in this category.

[Critical workers and vulnerable children who can access schools or educational settings - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/critical-workers-and-vulnerable-children-who-can-access-schools-or-educational-settings)

Year 11 Pupils

Year 11 will be taught remotely for the first week, and this will be delivered through Google Meets and Google Classroom. Year 11 will then return to school for face-to-face teaching on the 11th of January.

Year 7-10 Pupils

Years 7-10 will be taught remotely for the first two weeks and this will be delivered through Google Meets and Google Classroom. Years 7 – 10 will return for face-to-face teaching on the 18th January.

Secondary arrangements – Mon 4th January

As previously mentioned, on the first Monday for all secondary pupils the tutor session will be from 9:15-10:15 and normal timetable will continue from 10:15 onwards. This session will ensure that everyone understands what will happen for the first week and are able to access the Google Classrooms. Full details of how to log into all Google Meets and Google Classroom sessions are included with this letter.

Secondary arrangements – Tues 5th to Fri 15th January

For the rest of the blended learning period, pupils will ‘virtually’ follow their normal timetable. Teachers will start the virtual teaching at the normal times (below) and register the pupils. Teachers will follow our normal lesson structure and guidelines below.

09:00 – 09:15	Registration
09:15 – 10:15	Lesson 1
10:15 – 11:15	Lesson 2
11:15 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 12:30	Lesson 3
12:30 – 13:30	Lesson 4
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 15:30	Lesson 5

We have found that the best method of blended learning is with teacher input, and we expect pupils to attend each lesson virtually during the week. If your child is unable to access online learning, please contact Mr Lee and Mrs Rogers immediately, if you have not already done so, giving your reasons and we will provide alternative paper copies. If we have not heard from you by Monday 4th January at 9am, we will assume that your child will be joining the virtual lessons.

Contact emails: NRogers@avanti.org.uk BLee@avanti.org.uk

The image below illustrates the current expected return dates for pupils.



Department for Education

Return dates for primary and secondary schools and colleges in England

Year group	w/c 4 Jan	w/c 11 Jan	w/c 18 Jan
Exam years (years 11 and 13)	Prioritise remote education	Return to school	Continue at school
Primary (years 1-6)	Return to school with some local exceptions*	Continue at school with some local exceptions*	Continue at school with some local exceptions*
Secondary / college (years 7-10 and 12)	Prioritise remote education	Prioritise remote education	Full return to school with some local exceptions*
Primary / secondary vulnerable and critical worker	Return to school	Continue at school	Continue at school
Special school	Return to school encouraged	Continue at school	Continue at school
Alternative provision	Return to school	Continue at school	Continue at school

* In some local areas, under the contingency framework students will have remote education except for exam years and vulnerable and critical worker children. Special schools for primary years should continue to allow pupils to attend full time.

Our priority is to ensure that everyone remains safe and able to access learning. I am sure that you will understand that as part of our continued effort to minimise risk, we will be aiming to keep drop offs and pick-ups as quick and efficient as possible and for all adults to maintain social distancing. Thank you for your understanding.

We will continue to share information as and when we get it. We have started to use our Facebook page more to communicate elements of news, which you can like or follow at the following address:

<https://www.facebook.com/avantihallschool/>

I hope you all had a restful Christmas and I wish everyone a Happy New Year.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink on a white background with a light grid pattern. The signature is stylized and appears to read 'Phil Arnold'.

Phil Arnold
Principal.