



Thursday 7th September 2017

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new year at Avanti House Primary School! It's been fantastic to see the children and school team looking refreshed and relaxed, ready to start the new term and year.

I hope you had an enjoyable and restful holiday. The new academic year has commenced positively. The children are looking smart in their correct uniform, ready to learn and to make right choices and play in a friendly manner.

An extra special welcome is sent to our new Reception parents, children and new families. The school team and I look forward to getting to know you over the next month.

A few reminders:

Monthly Newsletter: Every month you will receive a 'monthly newsletter,' you will receive it electronically. Alternatively, you can visit the school website to keep up to date with school matters. The newsletter will keep you informed of any upcoming dates and information pertinent to you and your children.

We are an ECO friendly School determined to focus upon issues of sustainability and reducing waste. Cutting down on the use of paper will support the Avanti ethos. Please ensure we have your correct contact details and email address so that we are able to keep you informed.

Parent Curriculum Meetings will commence week beginning Monday 18th September. The school team will give you greater information about the school day, curriculum, homework and the vision and values of Avanti House. There will also be an opportunity to ask questions. The meetings will be from 5:30 pm – 6:15pm. Please do not bring your child/ren to this meeting, however if you are struggling to find suitable care please inform the school office in advance.

Wednesday 20 th September	KS1 Curriculum information meetings. Meetings will be held by the class teacher in the classroom.
Thursday 21 st September	Key Stage 2 Curriculum information meetings. Meetings will be held by the class teacher in the classroom.



MORNING PLAYTIME SNACK The School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme is a government programme that entitles every child aged four to six in fully state-funded schools to a free piece of fruit or vegetable each school day, this is in place for our children. Please remember that children in Key stage 2 are allowed to bring their own healthy snack, but to avoid snacks that contain nuts, although the school has decided to pay for additional fruit snacks for children in KS2.

P.E and Yoga: The school has made a decision for children from Year 1 to Year 5 to arrive at school wearing their P.E kit on the days that Yoga and P.E are scheduled; children can then remain in their P.E kit for the rest of the day. This will ensure that children receive the full hour of activity and time is not spent changing. This will also be a positive move forward as children begin to be more aware of their changing bodies and become more reluctant to change in front of others.

P.E

Yoga

Class Name	Day	Class Name	Day
Year 4 (both classes) Year 3GG	Tuesday	Year 2 Year 1 EYFS	Wednesday
Year 5 (both classes) Year 2FF	Wednesday	Year 4 Year 5 Year 3	Thursday
Year 2PP	Thursday		
Year 1TT Year 3KK Year 1DD	Friday		



Dropping and collecting children: The start of the school year has brought more questions to the school's processes regarding drop off and pick up. I am very pleased to see that the majority of parents are adhering to the request of an unofficial no right turn on exit. This has helped to ease the flow of traffic and creates a safer driving environment. Sadly a handful of parents have decided to ignore this request which leads a build-up of traffic but also provides other drivers with the opportunity to demonstrate reckless and inappropriate driving. It is understandable that any change is difficult at first, however once we embrace it and reflect on the positive aspects of change only then can we move forward together.

Every child now has at least three car badges and one holder; if you would like more due to several people picking up at the end of the day please inform the school through your child's diary, alternatively you can request one in person via the school office. Please ensure that you display, the current badge provided, at pick up time as this is our means of identifying the car/named adult to each child. This system is part of our safeguarding processes and is imperative that you display the correct badge. In the event that the correct badge or no badge is not displayed you will be asked to park up and physically receive your child once school staff have checked our records. ***Please read, understand and sign attached Code of Conduct and return the attached slip to your class teacher by Wednesday 13th September 2017.***

Please ensure that you arrive for both drop off and pick up at the correct timeslots. Many parents are arriving very early and again creating a long stream of traffic or leaving their children on school premises. I must urge you to respect the school times and if you do arrive early, particularly in the morning please park on the Hive and walk your child to school and wait with them in the playground until 07:30 am when a member of staff is on duty, alternatively you can enrol your child into Breakfast Club at a daily cost of £2.00

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS: We have an extensive after school provision which provides excellent experiences for your child/ren. Please liaise directly with the club leader for any information.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY

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Should you have any concerns about a child's welfare, Please speak to designated members of staff for Child Protection and Safeguarding:

Mr Halliday



Ms Pandya

Avanti House Primary School Stake Holder Committee Member with responsibility for Safeguarding is

Mrs Bhavana Chauhan

INCLUSION MATTERS Mr Halliday leads the School Inclusion Team and is responsible for Special Educational Needs. If you would like to discuss matters related to your child's learning and development needs, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to see him.

MEDICAL Please speak to your child's teacher if there have been any recent changes to your child's medical requirements.

Finally, please ensure we have your correct addresses and contact telephone numbers.

The school team are looking forward to welcoming you all into school at various opportunities. We hope your time with us will be very happy and you will soon feel very much part of our school vision. I believe in a partnership between parents and the school and I know that you will support us in our work, helping your children to fulfil their potential. Clearly your child's class teacher should be your first point of contact, but if you feel there are any issues you wish to discuss with the Senior Leadership Team please contact the school office to make an appointment.

Senior Leadership Team

Leadership Responsibility	Name
Early Years Foundation Stage	Miss Harshah Parmar
Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)	Mrs Riju Kapoor
Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4)	Mrs Bina Karsan Hirani
Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5)	Mr Richard Halliday: Deputy Principal
Special Educational Needs Support/Welfare Designated Safeguarding Officer	
Teaching and Learning across the school Progress and Attainment across the school	Ms Shriti Pandya: Principal



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On behalf of the school team, we are really looking forward to an enjoyable term and working in close partnership with you over the coming year.

Thank you for your cooperation in advance.

Best wishes,

Shriti Pandya
Principal