

Avanti House Primary School

Frequently asked questions as to how the school will be organised for classes from Monday 15th June 2020.

Please note plans may be subject to change dependant on advice from the Department of Education.

Social Distancing/class sizes

The school has clear signage around the school, inside and outside, indicating the one-way system to support social distancing as children and staff move safely around the school. Floor lines and indications will be visible on all stair ways. Prior to opening on the 15th June, all staff will have received training on the new systems and will have an opportunity to engage with the robust risk assessment. *The school risk assessment will be published on the school website.*

Class sizes will be split into groups of 15 children with one adult to support teaching and learning. All children will not be with their class teacher or in their normal classroom environments, however they will be taught by a familiar adult.

Children will be allocated a work station and will stay in the same work station for the duration of the term. Movement around the school will be in the 'bubble' (group of 15) this will include break times and learning that is delivered in outdoor spaces. Lunches will be eaten at individual learning stations, lunches provided will be a pack lunch.

Hygiene Management

Prior to opening, the school will have had a deep clean of all spaces. All resources with small parts will be removed including any soft furnishings and rugs. Children in Year 6 will bring in their own equipment and this will remain in school. On entry to school all adults and children will be asked to sanitise and will be asked to wash their hands when they return from break times, they will also be asked to wash their hands before being collected at the end of the day. All children and staff will also have a temperature check, if an adult or child has a high temperature they will be asked to go home.

Children in Rec and Year 1 will be provided with a named pot/box with their resources, sharing will not be encouraged.

The school has engaged two cleaners throughout the day who will, with site keepers, clean the toilets hourly, sanitise door handles and hand rails as well as sanitising children's desks. A more thorough clean will take place at the end of each day. School will be closed every Friday to enable a deep clean in readiness for Monday.

If a child or adult shows symptoms of the virus, while in school, they will be cared for in our identified isolation room until they can be collected by a parent. Any adult supporting a child showing symptoms will wear relevant PPE to protect themselves. Parents and adults will be encouraged to be tested by calling NHS 119. Current guidelines state that the following must be adhered to if:

- **Test comes back negative**

Everyone in the household can carry on as normal

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- **Test comes back positive**

Public Health teams will get in touch to discuss who the child has come in close contact with (children and adults within the 'bubble') and places they have visited.

These people will be contacted and advised to self-isolate for 14 days whether they are sick or not. They will be tested only if they develop symptoms. The rest of the household does not have to self-isolate, unless someone becomes ill.

Siblings

Children from Year 2,3,4 and 5 will not be allowed in school unless they are children of key workers or vulnerable children. You must inform the school if this is the case.

Home Learning

Home learning will continue in the same capacity for children in Year 2,3,4 and 5.

Unfortunately this will not be the case for Rec, Year 1 and Year 6 children as staff will be planning and preparing learning for the children in front of them. Children from these priority groups who do not attend school will continue to receive learning support materials, however learning will not be marked as robustly as it has been. Live lessons will also not take place, from Monday 15th June, as Teachers and Learning Support Assistants will be in school delivering lessons.

Do I have to send my child to school?

Government guidelines are clear, children from the priority group are encouraged to attend school, however we are aware that some families have family members who are shielding or who have underlying health conditions which is raising anxieties. Children will not be forced to attend school and understandably there is much angst, children and parents will not be penalised. We will however continue to check on children who do not attend school to ensure all remains well.