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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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The Avanti Park Post

Dear parents and carers

We are really looking forward to welcoming your children back to school next week. I can't believe it's been over two months since we were all in school together. It has been so quiet, and we can't wait for the school to be filled with learning and laughter again.

As you know it was World Book Day yesterday. We didn't want your children to miss out on the fun of dressing up and so we delayed this treat until Monday 8th March. If your child would like to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on Monday that would be great. As you know I have worked in secondary schools in the past and I have never had the excitement of dressing up for World Book Day. I have to say I was hit by 'dressing up anxiety' initially but now have my outfit all ready for Monday, stripy tights at the ready!

We have a Virtual Open Evening planned for the 29th of March at 6pm, for prospective new parents and children. If you know anyone who you think may be interested, please share this date with them. Details of how to book a place can be found on our website. We are also keen to increase our reach in the community and so we now have Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram accounts which we use to share good news stories about the school. Please like and share our pages so that we can spread our news far and wide.

Have a wonderful weekend and see you next week.

With best wishes

Abby Atkins MCCT





RETURNING TO SCHOOL - IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We look forward to welcoming all the students back on site again, hurray! It will be lovely to see you all again, we have missed so many of you, both children and parents in person.

ATTENDANCE BACK IN SCHOOL IS COMPULSORY FROM 8TH MARCH (Yrs 7-11 please see below for your start days)

- Reception to year 6 students will start on 8th March
- Year 11 will start on Tuesday 9th (Covid testing on Monday 8th)
- Year 8 will start on Wednesday 10th (Testing on Tuesday 9th)
- Year 7 will start on Thursday 11th (Testing on Wednesday 10th)

We would like all children in Years 7, 8 and 11 to wear Face Masks on their return to school in classrooms and indoor communal areas, unless we have had prior communication from you to say that they are exempt.

PUNCTUALITY

It is essential for all students to arrive on time. This is important for bubble control, as well as for the pupils' welfare and smooth running



Each bubble will arrive and leave the site at the following times:

	ARRIVE	GATE	DEPART	GATE
EYFS	8:45	EYFS side gate	3:00	EYFS double gate
Yr. 1 & 2	8:40- 8:45	Craft Street	3:10	Craft Street
Yr. 3 & 4	8:40- 8:45	Craft Street	3:20	Craft Street
Yr. 5 & 6	8:50 - 8:55	Pond Gate	3:15	Pond Gate
Yr. 7, 8 & 11	8:50 - 8:55	Pond Gate	3:15	Pond Gate

ATTENDANCE EXPECTATIONS

It has been a long time since most pupils were in school, so we have attached the school's *attendance expectations* document for you to peruse. We would like to remind you that we strive for 100% attendance at Avanti Park School and have a minimum expected attendance of 97%. If your child is ever too ill to attend, please phone the school by 9am or write to absence.ap@avanti.org.uk We require a phone call or email every day of the absence unless you have an agreed plan with a Senior Leadership Team member

Kathryn Mason
Education Welfare & Family Liaison

Covid 19 Information – Help keep Staff and pupils safe

Please click this link to read our current Covid 19 Risk Assessment:

[Covid 19 - Risk Assessment March 2021](#)

We would also like to remind parents that as part of supporting staff and students in the school we are asking that:

- ▶ Only one parent drops off and collects the children every day
- ▶ That masks are worn at drop off and pick up unless parents are exempt
- ▶ Children in Years 7, 8 and 11 to wear Face Masks on their return to school unless we have had prior communication from you to say that they are exempt.

From the Department for Education - Testing

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles. Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are different ways for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

Primary School Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come into Spring it really does feel like we are moving in the right direction. With all children returning to school and with the days getting longer, there is a real sense that we are turning a page and hopefully starting to reclaim a sense of normality and routine.

All the staff are very much looking forward to welcoming all children back to school and I am confident that yourselves, as Parents and Carers, are also thankful that your children will be able to come to school, see their friends and achieve a much-needed sense of routine and normality.

Thank you to all who were able to attend our Recovery Curriculum session on Monday evening. I hope for those who attended, and for those who couldn't attend but could read through the slides shared, got a sense of our approach and how we will look to support your children on their return. It was lovely to be able to speak - sharing our plans, our rationale, and our methodology.

As this issue brings with it the end of, hopefully, the last lockdown, I would like to extend a heartfelt thanks once again to all of the staff, parents, carers and children for your resilience, support, and positivity during this last term.

See you all on Monday morning!

Have a lovely weekend.

Luke



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Children wore red and performed a brilliant Dragon dance for Chinese New Year.



A beautiful New Mural has been painted in the lower school library by local artist Hannah Worsley.



Secondary School Update

Dear Secondary students, parents and carers,

We are so looking forward to having all of you back in school next week. I know emails have been flying around so here are the key secondary dates upcoming:

Friday 5th March: Digital Detox Day - there will be no work at all set for years 7 and 8 who are encouraged to get off the screens and go for a walk or do something creative. For year 11 there will be no live lessons, but there is work set on Google Classroom which must be completed but the students can organise their own time, have a lie in, go for long walks in-between tasks etc.

Please see the next page for the Secondary School Key Dates:

I know that year 11 will be anxious to return and may be worried about the mock exams happening soon. We will be continuing to assess throughout April and May and will let the students know which extra assessments will be used to form the Teacher Assessment Grades during that time. We are also going to hold final mock exams at the end of May in order to give the students time to demonstrate the progress they are making.

Enjoy your weekend everybody,

kind regards,

Brendan



Secondary School Key Dates

Monday 8th March:

Optional Covid testing for Yr 11 pupils
There will still be live lessons on Monday for year 11
Work set on Google Classroom for Years 7 + 8
No live lessons for yr 7+8

Tuesday 9th March:

Optional Covid testing for yr 8 pupils
Year 11 back in school full time
Work set on Google Classroom for years 7 + 8
No live lessons for yr 7+8

Wednesday 10th March:

Optional Covid testing for yr 7 pupils
Year 8 back in full time
Work set on Google Classroom for year 7
No live lessons for year 7

Thursday 11th March:

All students back in full time!

Monday 22nd March - start of Year 11 GCSE Mocks



A stunning piece of art created by a year 7 student. She found the frozen disc when the weather had been cold, and then added items, sprinkled water and re-froze it in the freezer so they stuck!

Dates for your Diary

MARCH/ APRIL	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Week B	8 th World Book day dress up	9 th Year 11 Return	10 th Year 8 Return	11 th Year 7 Return	12 th	13 th	14 th
Week A	15 th	16 th	17 th	18 th	19 th Red Nose Day details to follow	20 th	21 st
Week B	22 nd Mock Exams start – year 11	23 rd	24 th	25 th	26 th	27 th	28 th
Week A	29 th	30 th	31 st	1 st April Mock Exams Finish	2 nd Good Friday EASTER HOLS	3 rd EASTER HOLS	4 th EASTER HOLS

World book day dress up – children from Reception to year 6 are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character on Monday 8th March.

2021 – 2022 Term Dates

AVANTI PARK 2021-2022 TERM DATES	
TERM	DATES
AUTUMN	02/09/21 - 22/10/21
AUTUMN HALF TERM HOLIDAY	25/10/21 - 29/10/21
AUTUMN	01/11/21 - 17/12/21
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	20/12/21 - 03/01/22
SPRING	04/01/22 - 18/02/22
SPRING HALF TERM HOLIDAY	21/02/22 - 25/02/22
SPRING	28/02/22 - 08/04/22
EASTER HOLIDAYS	11/04/22 - 22/04/22
SUMMER	25/04/22 - 27/05/22
SUMMER HALF TERM HOLIDAY	30/05/22 - 03/06/22
SUMMER	06/06/22 - 22/07/22

Inset Days: 2nd and 3rd Sept, 5th Nov, 10th June
- one other TBC



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Wraparound Care



Childs Play Clubs UK

Opening January 2021



AVANTI PARK

Before School

7.45 - 8.45 am

£4 per session

After School

3.00 - 5.00pm

£8 per session

About Us

We are OFSTED registered providers of before and after school care with **PLAY** at the heart of everything we do and a passion for child led discovery.

Child's Play Clubs offer a fun and caring environment to laugh, make new friends, gain new skills, take some risks and be **bold** - all our team are experienced, fully trained and first aid qualified so you can be confident that your children are in good hands.



We are delighted to be joining the **Avanti Park** community, providing out of school care Monday to Friday on the school site. We will be working closely with the school staff to support the measures they are taking to keep the school COVID secure and while restrictions are in place we will be adapting our sessions in line with current guidance.

visit www.childsplayclub.co.uk to secure a place for your child now

or contact Sherree@childsplayclub.co.uk 07878 347652 for more information



PE/Yoga Time Table 2021

Year Group	Class	Week A	Week B
Reception	Maple	PE Thurs Yoga Mon	PE Tues Yoga Mon
Reception	Pine	PE Mon Yoga Tues	PE Mon Yoga Mon
Year 1	Ash	PE Mon Yoga Tues	PE Mon Yoga Weds
Year 1	Oak	PE Mon Yoga Tues	PE Mon Yoga Weds
Year 2	Cherry	PE Tues Yoga Weds	PE Tues Yoga Tues
Year 3 & 4	Chestnut	PE Weds Yoga Fri	PE Thurs Yoga Fri
Year 3 & 4	Sycamore	PE Mon Yoga Weds	PE Tues Yoga Tues
Year 3 & 4	Rowan	PE Tues Yoga Mon	PE Weds Yoga Tues
Year 5	Cedar	PE Weds Yoga Fri	PE Weds Yoga Fri
Year 5	Holly	PE Thurs Yoga Weds	PE Thurs Yoga Fri
Year 6	Hazel	PE Thurs Yoga Mon	PE Thurs Yoga Fri
Year 7	7	PE Mon Yoga Fri	PE Mon Yoga Fri
Year 8	8	PE Tues Yoga X	PE Tues Yoga Weds & Fri
Year 11	9	PE Weds & Fri	PE Fri

As part of ensuring all children are safe in PE, they are expected to come in full PE kit on their yoga and PE days.

Below is a reminder of PE kit requirements:

- A pair of blue shorts suitable for PE
- Navy Jogging bottoms
- A plain white or blue T shirt
- Plimsolls (for indoor games) Please check your child's daps still fit-the last time these were used was December 2020!
- Trainers (From Year 3 upwards)
- A warm top in winter months

A water bottle is required for PE lessons, especially as the weather warms up, so please ensure your child has this daily at school.

All jewellery is to be removed for lessons and those with studs would be advised to come to school without them in on PE days for ease.

I look forward to getting moving once again with all children in Lower school next week...

Mrs Watts



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A message from Govinda's



Thank you to all parents for such a great response to our menu. We look forward to creating this delicious menu for the pupils at Avanti Park. We have will be reviewing all the comments in due course but the most popular question that we are receiving is what option is available for my child if they have an allergy?

We at Govinda's take allergies seriously and will always cater for the dietary needs of pupil's, so whether it is Gluten, Lactose, Vegan or FODMAP we will provide an option. We will be updating our website with this in mind and also the nutritional information of the menu and list of ingredients including a list of allergens.

We look forward to seeing pupils enjoying their choices and also look forward to being able to invite you to have a lunch with us whenever is safe to do so.

Govinda's Team [Govinda's Website https://www.govindas.com/](https://www.govindas.com/)
Free School Meals

Standard Free School Meals are provided to families who are on low income and in receipt of certain benefits. These families are provided with food parcels or vouchers when schools are closed or in lock down. You need to apply for this provision which you can do using the following link. Please make a separate application for each child in your household who attends Avanti Park (even if they are in years Reception, 1 or 2)

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/free-school-meals/#COVID-19-information>



Avanti Park meals are priced at £2.60 per day for children in years 3 and 4 and £2.75 for children in years 5 and

SCHOOL UNIFORM ORDERING NOW LIVE!

IMPORTANT WASH CARE INSTRUCTIONS

BRIGADE



Always refer to your garment care label to ensure that your uniform looks as good as new for as long as possible. We produce tough, hardwearing uniform, however it is important that you follow the care labels correctly to ensure you get the best out of your purchase.

- Turn garments inside out to wash and dry
- Fasten any buttons before washing
- Do not overload machine
- Iron inside out on a cool setting to avoid heat damage, which can cause a shiny surface on fabrics (do not iron knitwear or cuffs and welts on sweatshirts)
- Bobbling/Pilling is caused by friction and excessive heat. It is also known within the British textile industry that fabric softeners are a major cause of bobbling/pilling of the fabric. Bobbling/pilling often disappears over time and is not a reflection on the quality of the garment.

Washing symbols and their meaning

Always check the label!!



Machine wash at temperature stated



Hand wash only



Do not bleach



Tumble dry at temperature stated



Do not tumble dry



Dry clean only



Iron at temperature stated



Do not iron



Do not wet/dry clean

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IMPORTANT SUMMER HOLIDAY ORDER INFORMATION

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HOW TO MEASURE YOUR CHILD

Measure the actual body measurements as this is far more accurate than measuring over clothes.

CHEST: Measure around the chest at the fullest part, placing the tape close up under the arms.

COLLAR: Measure around the base of the neck where the collar sits, inserting two fingers between the neck and tape to allow growth

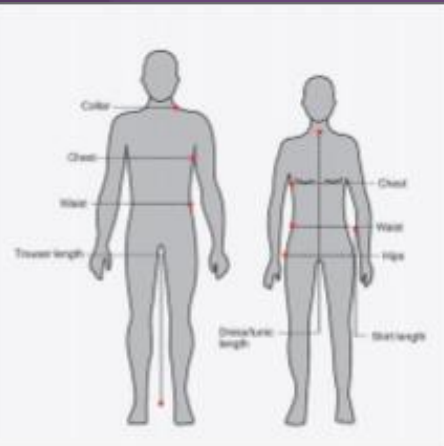
WAIST: Measure around the natural waistline.

TROUSER LENGTH: Measure the inside leg from crotch to floor without shoes on.

HIPS: Measure around your hips, 20cm (8") below your natural waistline.

SKIRT LENGTH: Measure from the waist down to where you would want the hem

DRESS & PINAFORE LENGTH: Measure from nape of neck to length required.



PRIMARY UNIFORM - SIZE COMPARISONS

Brigade Sweatshirts and Sweatshirt Cardigans/Polo Shirts/T-Shirts

Chest	22"	24"	26"	28"	30"	30/32"	32"	34"
Age	2-3	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	9-11	10-11	12-13

Knitwear Jumpers (Acrylic, 50/50 and Contrast Stripe)

Chest	22"	24"	26"	28"	30"	32"	34"	36"
Age	2-3	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	11-12	13-14	15-16

Blazers

Chest	22"	24"	26"	28"	30"	32"
Age	2-3	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10	11-12

PE Shorts

Waist	14/16"	18/22"	22/24"	26/28"	30/32"
Age	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-11	12-13

PLEASE NOTE:

The sizing comparisons are for guidance only and are NOT applicable to all our products.

SENIOR UNIFORM - SIZE COMPARISONS

Blazers

Chest	28"	30"	32"	34"	36"	38"	40"	42"	44"	46"	48"	50"
Age	7-8	9-10	11-12	13-14	15-16							
Female	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26	28
Male				XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	4XL	5XL

Knitwear Jumpers (Acrylic, 50/50 and Contrast Stripe)

Chest	28"	30"	32"	34"	36"	38"	40"	42"	44"	46"
Male	7-8	9-10	11-12	XS	S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL
Female	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24

Brigade Sweatshirts and Sweatshirt Cardigans/Polo Shirts/T-Shirts

Chest	28"	30"	30/32"	32"	34"	36"	38/40"	42/44"	46/48"
Age/Size	7-8	9-10	9-11	10-11	12-13	S	M	L	XL

PE Shorts

Waist	22/24"	26/28"	30/32"	34/36"	38/40"	42/44"
Age/Size	7-8	9-11	12-13	S	M	L

TIES (For Primary and Senior Schools)

Tie Style/Size	Elastic	9"	Clip on	12"	14"	16"	Tie	39"	45"	52"
School Age		Inf/Jnr		Junior	Junior	Senior		Junior	Jun/Sen	Senior

HOW TO USE THIS SERVICE

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Log onto www.brigade.uk.com
2. Click on the parents click to order button
3. Enter your child's school name
4. Select the school from the drop down list provided
5. Follow the online instructions to place your order

Free delivery on orders over £50.00

(parents clubbing orders together can take advantage of this)

£3.99 delivery fee applied for all orders under £50.00

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON SUMMER HOLIDAY ORDERS

July to September is a busy time for ALL uniform providers!

Place your order BEFORE 1st August for delivery before the start of term

We cannot guarantee orders placed after this date will be delivered in time for the start of the new term.

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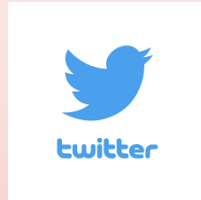
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