



# AVANTI COURT

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## **Headteacher Forum Minutes - Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

### **Pathway**

Parents mentioned their concerns regarding how unsafe it is walking on the grass especially during adverse weather conditions. Parents were informed that the school has received three quotes so far in terms of building a pathway from the lower playground to the upper playground. This work will start as soon as all details have been confirmed.

### **Upcoming Dates and Events Notifications**

Parents advised that they found this very helpful as one ParentMail contains all required information and that this works well as a reminder. Parents were informed that this would be ongoing.

### **Meeting with the Finance Director**

Parents were advised that the date has changed; however, it will take place before Christmas. All parents will be notified of the new date as soon as it has been allocated.

### **Residential**

Parents were advised that the Residential would be going ahead after positive feedback. A Residential is not part of the national curriculum and is an extra. This Residential will be slightly different from the last as our accommodation for this Residential will be permanent structured tents; this will be a new experience for our pupils!

### **Lunches**

Parents were advised that the vegetarian burger had been taken off the menu after feedback from children. Pupils will meet Mr Bresh shortly and taste test a new burger, if pupils think the burger is of a good enough quality it will be placed on the menu. Parents were also informed that children recently met with Mr Bresh, from Govinda's, regarding alternative food options for trips. Children taste tested a variety of sandwiches that could be taken to trips instead.

### **Attendance**

Parents were informed that school attendance is currently 96%; however, this would be affected negatively due to many families requesting leave in the upcoming months, especially around Christmas.

### **Term Dates**

Parents were informed that the new term dates for 2018-2019 have been made available on the school's website. We now have two weeks off in October 2019-2020, which brings us in line with other Avanti Schools.

### **Care Taker's Lodge**

Parents were advised that the school was applying for funding from the Department of Education to renovate the Care Taker's Lodge to enable it to be used as an area for teaching children with high SEN needs or parents' courses. Parents were also informed that FOAC would be purchasing an interactive whiteboard for nursery with charity money they have raised.

**Visits**

Parents were advised that visits from Ofsted, Local Authorities and reviews from the Trust went well. All feedback given was very positive.

**Spiders**

Parents were informed that the site had been treated over a two-week period and that a constant Risk Assessment is in place should this occur again as they cannot be eradicated. Should further treatments be required, it can be done without school closure as treatment can be carried out during the night instead of during the day.

**Snow**

Parents were informed that the school was well prepared for the upcoming weather during the upcoming weeks. Grit has been ordered and a protocol is in place. The school will only be closed during adverse weather conditions.

**Parent Survey**

Parents were informed that the school has received over 90+ responses and the results are looking very positive. We will aim to release the results next week. Areas of improvement will be actioned as soon as possible.

**Uniform**

Parents were made aware that boots and trainers are not allowed as part of the school uniform. They can be worn on the way to or from school, but children must change into their school shoes as soon as they reach the classroom.

**Awards**

Parents were informed that the school has won the Gold Sustainable Travel Award two years in a row and the Bronze Prestigious Healthy Schools Award.