



Dear Parents and Carers

We hope you and your children have settled in well to the new school year, in our wonderful new building. Thank you for making the start of term so smooth and straightforward.

### **Staffing**

We welcome new staff to our team: Miss Bonitto as Year 2 Teacher, Mrs Jain and Mrs Vishnu as Teaching Assistants.

Unfortunately, we have been struck with misfortune at the start of the school year, once again. This time, with the Year 1 and Year 2 teachers.

The class teacher for Year 1, despite being appointed since April and coming in during the summer holiday to set her classroom up, was unable to start owing to a change in her personal life. We were able to secure the services of Mrs Gallucci for the past couple of weeks, who has worked really well with our children and moved learning on within the time she has been here. We thank her for being here at a time when we needed the solid start to the year. We have now appointed a substantive Teacher for the class and welcome Mrs Palma to the staff team.

Additionally, Miss Bonitto, who has made an excellent start with her Year 2 class, was involved in a car accident last Sunday. Despite being injured, she struggled in on Monday morning and I had to send her home, for her own health and safety. She is gradually recovering and hopes to be back next week.

### **Routines**

Parents with children in Years 1 or 2 know the start and end of day routines and Reception children's parents are learning fast. As a reminder, our purpose as a school is to help children to become independent. We therefore ask that parents say goodbye to their children at the school gate and allow them to walk to class independently. Staff will always be present to supervise this at the beginning of the school day. At the end of the school day please wait behind the white / grey 'kerb' which marks out the vehicle access to the school. Your children will come out of the gate to meet you when dismissed.

### **Punctuality and Attendance**

At the start of the school day, the gates will open at 07:50 to allow children to come in and be settled for the start of learning at 08:00. Please arrive between 07:50 and 07:55 so the gates can be closed promptly at 08:00.

Attendance has been good since we have started the term. Please ensure your children are at school every day as we would like your child's attendance to be 100% and our School's attendance to be over 97% and preferably over 98%. That can only happen if your children are here. I will also point out that this year, the Christmas Holiday is exactly 2 weeks – from



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21<sup>st</sup> December to 6<sup>th</sup> January. Please be aware of these dates when booking holidays as we will not accept extended holidays as authorised.

## **Parking**

We are new into this area and want to develop good relationships with our neighbours as well as with drivers who pass our school on a regular basis. Considerate parking is therefore essential. Our preference is for children to walk to School, to get the exercise needed to develop strong bones, muscles and bodies. Walking buses can be organised by parents and limited car use was one of the reasons why we were granted permission to build the school. If driving your child to school is absolutely essential, please consider parking on a side street and walking the rest of the way. If you park on Southbridge Place, please use the bays provided and do not double park as the road is already narrow.

## **Catering**

We have been assigned a cook who will be cooking food on site, now that the kitchen equipment can be used. We look forward to the greater variety that this will afford the children. Please help your children to have enjoyable lunchtimes at school by teaching them at home to focus on eating at mealtimes so meals can be eaten within a reasonable time. Guide them to either have food in the plate or the mouth so the table stays tidy.

## **FoKAS**

We had our first coffee morning today, which was very successful. Thank you to those who were able to make it and we hope you found it useful. Please keep your eyes open for Friends of Krishna Avanti School (FoKAS) events that will happen throughout the year.





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## School Opening

Avanti School Trust and certain invited members of the community will be attending a Deity Installation Ceremony on Sunday when the school will be officially opened. At a later date parents will be invited in to have a look around the new school building and sample the menus that Govindas catering will be providing. We will let you know the date for the parents' event when we have finalised a date with Govindas.

## Building

The building is due to be completed in early October. After completion we will plan another visit for parents to see the school in its entirety, including the rooftop play area, which we can give you a preview of below. We thank Kier Construction for their consideration and partnership working. They have kept construction areas well isolated, so no school member can enter the areas that are still under construction and all children have been excellent at keeping away from areas that have been screened off.



We look forward to working with you throughout the year and look forward to continuous growth in your children's educational excellence, character formation and spiritual development.

Mr Burton and the Staff Team