

AVJS Bulletin: 14th January 2021

We hope that you are all coping well at this difficult time and that you are keeping in good health. Is has certainly been a testing start to the term and I would like to thank you for your support.

We monitor the situation daily as the guidance from the government changes regularly. Thank you to those of you who have managed to change your routines and working patterns in order to keep your children at home. We still have a large number of children in school and ask that if your situation changes and you can keep your child at home, please do so and let us know of your changes by emailing criticalworker@arnovale.notts.sch.uk.

Due to the low uptake, I am sorry to say that we are no longer able to offer our Club Vale breakfast service from next week. Unfortunately it has become financially unviable at the present time. We will continue to run the after school club sessions next week but this is also under review and we will be making our decision at the beginning of next week. Once again I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

We have had some excellent feedback with regards to the remote learning, ClassDojo seems to be working well. We understand that for some, it has taken some getting used to but we find it provides a safe, easy and user friendly way of setting work and collecting it in. If you have any issues, please refer to the user guides on our website or contact your child's class teacher.

We are obliged to provide your child with four hours of work per day as required by the government. We know that this can be quite challenging especially if you are trying to home school more than one child and attempting to work yourself. If you are having trouble in getting your child to complete the work, we understand and want to support you. Once again, your child's class teacher will be able to talk to you in order to give ideas and suggestions.

I think today's snow has taken many of us by surprise. Please check your emails regularly for ParentPay messages as this will be the main way we communicate to you in the event of a school closure. We will, of course, do everything we can to keep school open especially during the pandemic, but many of our staff do not live locally and if we cannot staff the school adequately or it becomes an unsafe environment, it may be a decision we have to take. Thank you.

You may remember that before Christmas we gave the children the opportunity to apply to be Class Ambassadors. We have received the applications but due to the current lockdown, we are putting this initiative on hold until we are all back in school.

You may be aware that we usually hold our parent consultation evenings in the week before February half term. Because of the lockdown, we have decided to postpone this and hope to hold them during the last week before the Easter holidays. We will keep you posted.



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Community News

We would like to inform you that we have launched [Blue Peter on YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter) at CBBC and we were wondering if you would be interested in this – especially now we're in lockdown.

Blue Peter is the longest running kids TV show in the world and we are uploading videos to it that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. We have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how tos, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. We also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about our incredible presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwaksy, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog.

If you think you would be interested in this, please [subscribe](https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter) to <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter> - (it's obviously completely free to subscribe!) and don't forget to watch the live programme on CBBC at 5.00pm every week, or on BBC iPlayer.

Thanks so much for your time,
The Blue Peter Team!

