

AVJS Bulletin: 8th September 2020

Hello and welcome to the first bulletin of the academic year. I hope you have all had a good summer and are keeping safe and well. As we continue through these uncertain times, we are still finding new ways of working and have put in many new procedures with an aim to keeping the children, staff and visitors to school as safe as we can. I am really pleased to let you know that the children are adapting incredibly well to our new routines. We do need to stick to our risk assessment that can be found on our website, but we will be reviewing it regularly and where we can make improvements, we will!

Thank you to all of you for your co-operation with us over the new drop off and pick up arrangements. I think most of you will agree that the changes have resulted in far less congestion and a smoother and safer flow into and out of school. Our priority is to keep people safe and the new system helps this. Some of you have asked whether the gate between our school and Woodthorpe Infants can be opened. At present, we are still evaluating the new arrangements and we need to consider whether the gate being open would have an impact on the flow of people and the risk of cross contamination. We will be looking into this over the next couple of weeks.

As many of you will know, we use ParentPay not just for the payment of meals, Club Vale and trips, but also as our main way of communication. If you have not yet activated your ParentPay account, please do so and then we can send any correspondence to you via email.

We re-opened Club Vale, our wrap around care facility, this morning. If you have previously expressed an interest in a place, you should have been emailed a terms and conditions form. Once this has been returned to us, you will be able to book your places using your ParentPay account. However, if you pay by childcare voucher, you will need to complete a paper booking form. If you need any help or clarification with this, please contact the school office. We ask that from this week, you book your places at Club Vale by the end of Thursday. From this, we organise the staff to ensure we are working to the correct ratios.

If your child has a school meal, they may have noticed that we are not operating the salad bar at present. This is for health and safety reasons.

If you need to come into school, please buzz the office (using the button on the right of the door). We will then come to you. We are trying to limit the number of visitors coming into the building in order to minimise any risks.

I have had a few people asking about bringing bikes and scooters to school. At the moment, we are asking that you do not bring in any unnecessary items (including soft toys) as we are trying to minimise the amount of equipment brought in from home. This also applies to treats that are often sent in to celebrate someone's birthday. This is to minimise any risk of cross contamination. Thank you for your understanding.

