



Hill Avenue Academy

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Dear parents and carers,

04/09/2020

REF: Warm Welcome Back to School

It has been our pleasure welcoming the children and families back to school this week. It has been lovely meeting the new children and their parents this week, we welcome you all to Hill Avenue.

We would like pass on our thanks to all parents/carers for your cooperation in adjusting to the new procedures that are in place to help keep everyone safe. It has been a very different start to the year for all of us but if we can continue working together in this way then the children will flourish. The majority of the children, staff and parents/carers are adapting incredibly well to the new systems in and around school. It is vitally important for the safety of all children and adults that we all continue to adhere to these changes until we have a clear indication from the government that it is safe to ease the restrictions we have implemented.

Safeguarding Policy 2020-21

The new *Safeguarding Policy*, available on the school website, reflects the latest updates in *Keeping Children Safe in Education 2020*. In addition, all staff have received recent updated training.

Daily Risk Assessments

Senior leaders carry out risk assessments each day to check that our systems and routines are effective.

As of Monday 7th September the back gate entrance to the school will be opened to allow children to access the school. We have risk assessed this procedure and still require parents to drop off and collect their children at the times stipulated in the previous letter. Once again parents/carers are not permitted onsite at drop off times however when parents/carers do collect children, we urge you to socially distance on the lower playgrounds and not wait or gather by the upper playground or classrooms.

Social Distancing

Please follow social distancing procedures at all times:

- Maintain a minimum of 2 meters space between yourself and other people who are not from your household.
- Avoid gatherings
- Contact the school office by telephone or email with any queries rather than approaching staff in person

Lunchtime Changes

As of Monday 7th September the children will have their packed lunches in their class bubbles in the main school hall. Once again we have risk assessed this change and we now feel it is safe for the class bubbles to separately access the halls at different times. When each bubble leaves the hall, tables/areas will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected ready for the next bubble and there will be a one way system in place. Cooked school dinners will have to remain off the menu until further notice. We will notify you in due course.

Drop Off and Collection Changes

Thank you for your support and patience with the various drop off and collection times. As you can imagine this has taken a lot of time and thought to organise and we do apologise for any delays you might have faced when dropping off or collecting your child. We are trying our best to make this process as smooth as possible for all our families and our daily risk assessments are carefully evaluated before any changes are made.

New Staff

We would like to welcome the following new staff to Hill Avenue Academy:

- Mrs G Hayward (Deputy Headteacher)
- Mr Z Welborn (Year 5/6 Teacher)
- Mr D Gibbons (Year 1/2 Teacher)
- Miss A Slater (Early Years Higher Level Teaching Assistant)
- Miss L Jones (Years 1 and 2 Higher Level Teaching Assistant)

Miss Davies, Miss Wright and Mrs Postings are all currently on maternity leave and will return to school next year. You will be pleased to know that they have all given birth to beautiful, healthy babies. Congratulations to those staff and their families.

We hope the children have really enjoyed their first week back. They have produced some lovely examples of learning and made a wonderful start to the term. Their safety, well-being and self-esteem is paramount.

Please have an enjoyable weekend with your families.

Yours sincerely,

Mr E Hateley
Executive Headteacher