

Hill Avenue Academy

NEWSLETTER



Term: Spring: 08/02/2021

Message from the Headteacher

We hope that you are all keeping well and positive during this lockdown period. As you are aware the Prime Minister has announced that it will not be possible to resume face-to-face learning immediately after the February half term and instead hopes it will be safe to commence the re-opening of schools from Monday 8th March. This means that we will continue with the remote learning and school provision for our key worker and vulnerable pupils until we have a further update from the Government.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication.

Mr Hateley and Miss Kahlon

Thank you Teachers!

We are proud of our provision and the way we have adapted it to improve the variety of learning opportunities and the flexibility for our families.

The teachers are doing a remarkable job of juggling the two different types of teaching – in school and remote – and are working harder than ever to ensure our children are getting the best we can offer them.

We feel our children are indeed getting high quality remote education.

Remote Learning Offer

Over the last three weeks we have refined our remote learning offer to the families at home.

We have had countless expressions of praise and gratitude for what we are providing, many parents appreciating the recorded sessions so the children can see and hear their teachers, and at a time that suits their schedules at home.

As well as this, our dedicated teachers have started live sessions in the mornings and afternoons at scheduled times. I hope that those of you at home are continuing to enjoy the live sessions with your teachers and are taking advantage of this opportunity to see your classmates.

Remote Learning Achievements

The children have adapted exceptionally well to remote learning and we all wanted to say how proud we are of them for this.

The learning that is being sent in to teachers is of a high standard and our children are trying their best to maintain quality in presentation and handwriting. We have also been showcasing a range of learning on twitter to share with you.

Term Dates 2021

Spring Term 2021

Half Term: Monday 15 February 2021 to Friday 19 February 2021

Term Time: Monday 22 February 2021 to Thursday 1 April 2021 (**Mon 22nd Feb 21 - INSET DAY**)

Summer Term 2021

Term Time: Monday 19 April 2021 to Friday 28 May 2021

Half Term: Monday 31 May 2021 to Friday 4 June 2021

Term Time: Monday 7 June 2021 to Wednesday 21 July 2021

Home Learning Questions

If you have any questions or need help with regards to your child's online learning please email the following email addresses:

EYFS@hillavenueacademy.com

Year1@hillavenueacademy.com

Year 2@hillavenueacademy.com

Year3@hillavenueacademy.com

Year4@hillavenueacademy.com

Year5@hillavenueacademy.com

Year6@hillavenueacademy.com

General queries please email:

Info@hillavenueacademy.com

Mental Health Week

We have been celebrating Mental Health Week this week, sharing various resources and ideas with the children about looking after their mental, emotional health and physical health.

The children have had assemblies about feelings and dealing with them positively, and have been thinking about other ways to help themselves and each other to stay mentally healthy. It has been a positive way to focus on our wider health and wellbeing.

Lateral Flow Testing

Hill Avenue staff have access to Lateral Flow Testing. This is another measure in place to try to minimise the transmission of Covid-19 in school as it will serve as a way to identify asymptomatic staff.

Staff will take tests weekly and should a test come back positive, we will follow Public Health England's guidance and inform parents and carers that it might affect.

Hopefully, this is another step towards us returning to school in full.

INSET Day

Monday 22nd February

School closed to all children including Keyworker & Vulnerable families

Safer Internet Day 2021

Tuesday 9th February is Safer Internet Day and to support with this class teachers will be providing content to discuss with children around this. Given how much time children are spending online at the moment it is very important that we support the children to stay safe and make responsible decisions.

Remote Learning Parent Feedback

We value and appreciate your feedback, here are some of the comments from Parents on the last questionnaire that was sent out....

Keep everything how it is. The resources and learning packs are brilliant and really helps support the learning. It also takes away the screen time. Thank you for all your hard work. Especially, the staff in nursery who have kept in touch.

Nursery parent

My friends daughter is also in reception and they have had a few teams meetings arranged for the children to complete a phonics lesson live so they can see all their friends. Thought this was a lovely idea.

Reception parent

You've already done so much with introducing the live daily calls with class teachers. It is the perfect blend of pre-recorded and live sessions.

Year 1 parent

Remote learning is very good.

Year 2 parent

Maybe include some practical lessons, so less screen time at times.

Year 3 parent

Everything is so useful and much appreciated for all your hard work.

Year 4 parent

We can't thank the school enough for all of their hard work and dedication to help our children learn.

Year 5 parent

My child is attending school and completing learning at home and it has been great. The learning offered on TEAMs is the same as the classroom learning.

Year 6 parent



ENGLAND LOCKDOWN

STAY AT HOME

THE NEW VARIANT OF CORONAVIRUS IS SPREADING FAST.
WE ALL NEED TO PLAY OUR PART TO STOP THE SPREAD.

▶ LEAVING HOME

You must not leave, or be outside of your home or garden, except for a very limited set of exemptions e.g. to shop for basic necessities, exercise, go to work if you cannot do so from home, or to escape risk of harm.

▶ MEETING OTHERS

You cannot leave your home to meet socially with anyone, except with your household or support bubble (if eligible to form one). Stay 2 metres apart from anyone not in your household or support bubble.

▶ EXERCISE

You may exercise on your own, with your household or support bubble, or with one person from another household (when on your own). Stay 2 metres apart from anyone not in your household or support bubble.

▶ BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS

Hospitality closed aside from sales by takeaway (until 11pm), click-and-collect, drive-through or delivery. Alcohol cannot be purchased through takeaway or click-and-collect from hospitality venues.

▶ RETAIL

Essential shops can open. Non-essential retail must close and can only run click-and-collect and delivery.

▶ WORK AND BUSINESS

Everyone must work from home unless they are unable to do so.

▶ EDUCATION

Early years settings open. Primary and secondary schools and colleges move to remote provision except for vulnerable children and children of critical workers. Most university students to move to remote learning.

▶ LEISURE AND SPORTING FACILITIES

Closed, with limited exceptions.

▶ ACCOMMODATION

Closed, with limited exceptions.

▶ PERSONAL CARE

Closed.

▶ ENTERTAINMENT

Closed.

▶ OVERNIGHT STAYS

You must not stay overnight away from home. Limited exceptions apply e.g. to stay with your support bubble.

▶ WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

Funerals of up to 30 people permitted. Weddings up to 6 people permitted in exceptional circumstances. Wakes and other linked ceremonial events of up to 6 permitted.

▶ PLACES OF WORSHIP

Places of worship can remain open and communal worship is permitted, but you must not mix with those outside your household or support bubble.

▶ TRAVELLING

You must stay at home. If you do leave home for a very limited set of exemptions, you should stay local in the village, town, or part of the city where you live where possible. Do not travel abroad unless an exemption applies.

▶ CLINICALLY EXTREMELY VULNERABLE

Shielding reintroduced across England. You should not travel to work, school, college or university and should limit the time you spend outside the home. You should only go out for medical appointments, exercise or if it is essential.

▶ CARE HOME VISITS

Visits can take place with arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, or behind windows. Close-contact indoor visits are not allowed. No visits will be permitted in the event of an outbreak but end of life visits are permitted in all circumstances.

STAY HOME ▶ PROTECT THE NHS ▶ SAVE LIVES

For more information go to:
[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)