



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Happy New Year

I think that most of us were pleased to see the end of 2020, but I am not sure that the start of 2021 has been much of an improvement – yet! However, we have to remain hopeful with vaccines being administered and I will still wish you a happy new year; may it be happier and healthier!

## Welcome back to St Anne's Nursery

Welcome back to the Spring Term at St Anne's Nursery. It has been lovely having the children and families of St Anne's Nursery in school and it has been a positive and happy start to our term. Thank you to parents for respecting the new arrangements we have had to put in place to support the new guidance for keeping us all safe during this lockdown Thank you also to our new parents for supporting the settling of their children in unusual circumstances.

## School closure

Avondale Park School, like all primary schools in England, is closed to all children apart from those of key workers and those deemed 'vulnerable'. In order to re-open school for these families, we have reviewed our 'risk assessment' with the aim of reducing the risk of spreading the virus and keeping everyone safe. Amongst other things, this has meant reduced numbers of staff on-site at any time, and maintaining strict small year group bubbles. Many staff are making long journeys to come into work so I ask that if you have requested and been offered a place, it is important that you inform us if your child cannot attend for any reason. Also can I remind parents that they should arrive at about **8.45am** ready for school to start at **8.50am** and collect their children at **3.00pm**. Thank you.

## Remote learning

Following our experience at the end of last term, we should now be quite familiar with the programme of remote learning – remembering the timetable

of Zoom calls and completion of Oak Academy lessons and tasks on SeeSaw. Whilst there is a slight feeling of 'here we are again', we are in a slightly different place and the learning needs to be completed as it would need to be done in school. I know that school staff are phoning parents but if they have not managed to speak to you and you are finding things at all difficult, please let us know and we will try to support as best as we can. Thank you to everyone who is attending the Zoom calls every day and submitting some fantastic learning. Well done and keep it up!

### **Home learning**

Once again, I shall be asking teachers to send me any examples of quality home learning for this letter so we can post them on Twitter or publish them here. Similarly, if you have any photos of your children completing their learning in their 'schools at home' (and are happy for them to be published) please send them in!

We will also be seeing which class has the highest percentage of children taking part in the Zoom Calls and submitting their learning; and winners in each key stage will win 20 green card points. Prizes for the class with the overall highest percentage will be able to vote for their chosen prize (within reason!) on their return to school.

### **Might Matt is back!**

Are you ready to Warm Up and Get Fit? Join my Live Fitness Lockdown Workout (3.0000000000) starting daily from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 1.45pm  
Look forward to seeing you all!



Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/9580568894?pwd=VHgyVlpIMjRSYIBQVGNrUTZGRDI SQT09>

Meeting ID: 958 056 8894

Passcode: 3svi1b

Thanks

Mighty Little Legs Matt

## Keeping safe

### Keeping you and your family Covid-19 safe

Please remember that **if any family member is displaying one of the three symptoms** of Covid-19 of a new, continuous cough, a temperature of 37.8 degrees Celsius or above or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste they should take a test for Covid and **family members in the same bubble should also stay at home** until the test result comes back. If the test is positive, family members need to self-isolate at home for 10 days.

### Social distancing.

A reminder that if children of primary school age are going out for their daily exercise, they should always be accompanied by an adult family member with whom they are living. At this time, children should not be going out on their own on bikes, meeting up with friends or even going out with other children's parents. Under the current lockdown, the instructions are that we should only go out with family members with whom we are living. The one exception is if children's parents live apart, children are allowed to visit the parent that they are not living with. Please make sure that you are following these guidelines.

### Concerns

We are fully aware that this is a difficult time for all families. If you feel that you are particularly finding things difficult or would like any advice, please do phone school and one of us will try to call you back. We may not have all the answers but we will certainly try.

### And finally...

Thank you again for your support during these difficult times. If you need to contact us, please phone 0207 727 7727 or email [info@apsafederation.com](mailto:info@apsafederation.com)

Best wishes,

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