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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Autumn Term 2020 Updated Information for Parents and Carers**

#### **Modern Foreign Languages:**

As you will be aware from previous correspondence, our curriculum this term will have dedicated time spent working on key skills and getting pupils up-to-speed on any material from the previous term that they may have missed due to partial school closures. Teaching of French will be suspended during the Autumn term for Junior classes and this will offer additional focus time for revision of appropriate key skills, plus any support or interventions that we consider will be beneficial to pupils. for their transition back into school.

We will be continuing our Modern Foreign Languages curriculum provision this term with Spanish, and I am thrilled to share with you that Mrs R Kyriacou, will be delivering Spanish sessions to children from Nursery to Year 6. Mrs Kyriacou also teaches Spanish at Wirral Grammar School for Girls and has a wealth of experience teaching Spanish to both Secondary and Primary school children. We warmly welcome Mrs Kyriacou to work with our teaching team and we are delighted to have her expertise on board at Avalon.

#### **Learning Support Tuition:**

We can now confirm that Mrs Rosie Bryan, Specialist Dyslexia Tutor, has now secured a permanent full-time teaching position in a school in Cheshire. We wish Mrs Bryan well in her new position and thank her for the support that she gave to many of our pupils.

The positive news moving forward, is that Mrs Keenan will now be taking up provision of additional learning support sessions in school, to support children on a 1:1 basis and in small groups, as appropriate. Mrs Keenan will deliver a variety of key interventions and additional support to individual children throughout the school week, offering further continuity, revisiting of key learning strategies and consistency across school. We will continue to engage the services of any external agencies, should further specific assessment and diagnostic assistance be required. Mr Ashton, SENCo and the team of SEND teaching assistants, will also work closely with Mrs Keenan to deliver a cohesive and tailored programme of learning support within school.

We will soon be contacting parents to discuss such bespoke plans for individual children who we feel may benefit from additional learning support.

#### **Uniform:**

Children have returned to school looking very smart in their winter school uniforms, however we do understand that there have been some delays and issues with supply at our uniform outlet, Uniformity. Apologies for any inconvenience caused, however I am reassured that Uniformity are doing their utmost to try to get items delivered as soon as possible to parents. Should you



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experience any issues, please do keep us informed and we will do our best to support you. We also have the very wonderful Pre -Loved Uniform service, run by our PTA group. Parents can get in touch via email or Facebook to enquire about many items in the Pre Loved stock:

[uniformpta@gmail.com](mailto:uniformpta@gmail.com) and PTA Facebook page for posts:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1008891665814623/>

## PE Kit

We have also been made aware this week, that the Junior ¼ Zip Black Sweatshirt will be discontinued by our manufacturers. We are exploring some new options to replace this sweatshirt in due course, but any parent who has been unable to purchase / order this item of PE kit for their child, should inform school and so that we can discuss a suitable alternative for your child to wear on PE days, until the item can be replaced at the suppliers.

Children are now required to wear their PE kits to school on their designated PE days. Please could we also request that children have their School Blazer or a Waterproof Coat with them, particularly as the weather will soon be turning much cooler. Hats and Caps will not be required on designated PE kit days.

## Guidance if a child is displaying symptoms of Coronavirus:

Further guidance has been issued to schools this week with regards to what to do if a child is displaying symptoms of Coronavirus. Please note the guidance with regards to the self - isolation period below:

*If anyone in school becomes unwell with a new, continuous cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), they must be sent home and be advised to follow [covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance](#), this is the guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.*

*This sets out that they must:*

- self-isolate for **at least 10 days**
- arrange to have a [test to see if they have coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)

Parents should ensure that they keep school fully informed if any child is displaying symptoms of Coronavirus and they must not attend school. Following a confirmed test result, parents should immediately notify school of the outcome.

Yours sincerely

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