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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are busy preparing for the end of this academic year, and hopefully being able to run some outdoor events that parents, and carers can attend, weather and COVID restrictions permitting. In the meantime, we would also like to share some staffing updates and our staffing arrangements for the new academic year 2021/22.

Staffing Updates

Following seven years of dedicated service to Avalon, Miss Fletcher has made the decision to move on at the end of this term, to pursue some new endeavours. Miss Fletcher has been a kind and considerate member of our teaching team and her nurturing and caring approach with our junior children will be sadly missed. Whilst we are very sorry to see her leave, we wish Miss Fletcher every success in her future ventures; she will be greatly missed by children, parents, and colleagues alike.

Regrettably, we also have to say a goodbye to Mrs Rigby at the end of this term. During her twelve years at Avalon, Mrs. Rigby has been a loyal and reliable member of our School Office team. Her helpful and supportive approach, going out of her way to assist others if she can, will be missed by all her colleagues and I am sure, by many parents too. Mrs Rigby's calm and composed manner, and her ability to multi-task in a busy school office, will no doubt serve her well as she moves on to her new administrative role at Wirral Grammar School for Girls. We wish her well in her new post.

Mrs. McCabe will also step back from her role in our After School Club, at the end of this academic year after many years at Avalon. Mrs McCabe will be sadly missed in this role, as she has been a caring and nurturing influence on so many young children over a longstanding career at Avalon. Whilst we are saddened that Mrs. McCabe will be stepping back from working in our After School Club, thankfully, she will be continuing in her other welfare roles within the school in September, including our expanding Before School Club and Lunchtime Supervision.

I am sure that you will join us in wishing Miss Fletcher, Mrs. Rigby, and Mrs McCabe well, as they start a new chapter in their lives, and we thank them all for their dedication and wonderful service to Avalon.



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Mrs Loughlin is due to return from her Maternity leave in early July, following the birth of her second son, George. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Loughlin back to school very soon and continuing to provide teaching assistant support for Year 1.

Whilst unfortunately we do have to say goodbye to some of our staff this year, we are pleased to announce the appointment of two new members of teaching staff who will be joining our Avalon team in September 2021.

Following our recent recruitment for a Key Stage Two teacher, we are delighted to announce the appointment of Miss Alexandra Robertson. Miss Robertson is a specialist teacher in science, with a degree in Anatomical sciences from the University of Dundee. She will be taking over from Mrs Creedon, to lead Science across the school, as well as taking on the role of Year 4 Form Teacher. Miss Robertson comes to us from The Co-Op Academy School, Portland, where she has been working on several curriculum development initiatives, whilst also studying the National College for Education's Leadership for the Future program. Miss Robertson will be visiting Avalon throughout the remainder of the term to prepare for her start in September, and she is looking forward to meeting the year 3 children on Transition Day 29th June.

Miss Lauren McFerran will also be joining our teaching team in September. Miss McFerran is currently studying a master's degree in Child and Adolescent Mental Health and Wellbeing at Edge Hill University. Her teaching experience includes both state and independent schools in the local area, across both Key stage one and two. Miss McFerran will be teaching computing across the main school from September, and she will also utilise her skills and experience within the Learning Support team. Similarly, Miss McFerran will be making several visits to school prior to the end of term, to meet children, staff, and parents, in readiness for the new academic year.

We look forward to extending a warm Avalon welcome to our new staff team members, and we wish them every success in their new posts.

Form Group arrangements for Main School for the academic year 2021/2022 are as follows:

Year Group	Form Teacher	Teaching Assistant Support
Reception	Miss L Hardy	Miss A Bennett
Year 1	Mrs S Parkins	Mrs A Loughlin
Year 2	Mrs C Roberts	Miss A Bennett
Year 3	Mrs C Creedon	Mrs D McGregor
Year 4	Miss A Robertson	Mrs K Fleming





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Year 5	Mr M Ashton	Mrs D McGregor
Year 6	Mrs R Kililiku	Mrs A Roberts

Transition Sessions

Children will be meeting with their new Form Teachers on the afternoon of 29th June, in their class bubbles and with all COVID protective measures in place. Parents will be invited to a Parent Information Meeting at the start of the Autumn term, where Form Teacher's will share class routines, class timetables including any subject specialist teaching and other expectations for the year, such as homework and assessments. We will confirm the date and arrangements for these Parent meetings in due course, including whether this will need to be in an online format or whether we can facilitate face to face meetings in September.

End of Year Reports

We are aiming to send reports to parents by Tuesday 6th July so that there will be an opportunity for parents to discuss any aspect of this report, with their child's Form teacher (or Reporting Subject Teacher, if this is not the Form Teacher) in the first instance by email, or to request a telephone appointment, before the end of term. Please be advised that face-to-face appointments may need to be further postponed to the Autumn term.

Achievement Awards and Year 6 Leavers

We are hoping to be able to arrange the end of year performances and celebratory events, such as Achievement Awards and Year 6 Leavers, outdoors this year, (weather dependent) in line with Government guidance. Year 6 will be presented with their much-valued Avalon Scholar Awards to treasure as acknowledgement of their accomplishments at Avalon, along with their dictionaries and special handwriting pens, as gifts from the school PTA, to cherish as they move on to their secondary schools. Year 6 will also receive their unique 2021 Leavers' Hoodies, which they may enjoy wearing in school, over the last few days of term.

As the end of this academic year is fast approaching may I take this opportunity to thank all the staff team for their hard work and dedication; we wish them all well and look forward to an exciting new academic year ahead. Whatever 'new normal' arrangements we will have in place by then, I know that the Avalon staff team will push forward with the same level of enthusiasm and professionalism that they have shown over the last academic year.

This academic year will certainly be noted by its unprecedented nature and its challenges, but we hope that we will soon be able to return to some of the more typical arrangements and events that we have all come to expect and enjoy at our school.





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Our thanks also, to all of you; our supportive and steadfast parent community. We are hugely appreciative of your positivity and understanding throughout this difficult and challenging period. I know that as a community we always pull together in situations such as these, and it is with this knowledge that I can be certain that any new families and children joining us, will feel supported and welcomed at Avalon.

May I extend my wishes for a very healthy and happy summer break to all our Avalon community.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Callaway
Headteacher

