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Dear Parents / Carers,

We are pleased to inform you that Avalon has been invited, by Liverpool John Moores University to take part in 'The Liverpool Early Number Skills Project', which aims to identify how early number skills can best be supported both at home and at Pre-school.

Participation and involvement in the project is on a voluntary basis, however we hope that by being actively involved in the research project, as practitioners and parents, we will benefit from evidence-based best practice and further enhance children's early number skills development.

If you are willing for your child to participate in the project, please consider the attached information pack which provides further details about each stage of the project and the purpose of the study. Parents/carers will then need to complete a consent form and questionnaire to be returned to Pre-school in the LENS post box (located by the Pre-School entrance) by **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March**, as initial sessions will start very soon after this date.

Please be reassured that all responses are completely confidential and no individual names or responses will be published. All researchers will be fully supervised by our Pre-school staff; however they do also hold the appropriate enhanced DBS checks.

If you have any queries about the study, you can contact the research team directly and contact details are provided within the information pack, or alternatively, the Pre-school staff would be happy to handle any of your queries or concerns.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J Callaway  
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