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Dear Parents and Guardians

I am writing to introduce myself, Ravanne Hamer B.A. (Hons), ALAM the speech and drama coordinator and teacher at Avalon School.

On Friday 7th September the children in Reception enjoyed one of my speech and drama workshops. This was a taster session of the speech and drama lessons offered to all Reception children at Avalon School. I would like to give your child the opportunity of starting Speech and Drama lessons in the new autumn term.

Speech and drama lessons will provide many creative opportunities for your child, including the development of performance skills, personal and social skills, along with confidence building. Drama lessons are extremely supportive in aiding a child's development. Many parents, in the past, have been enthused by the way drama has inspired their child to be imaginative. It encourages the 'sharing of ideas' and the importance of 'working together' as part of an ensemble. Drama aids the development of a child's reading as they are introduced to different types of literature, poetry and small plays, all of which is delivered in a fun and child friendly environment. Your child will also learn theatrical techniques such as effective stage movement, the use of mime, animation and physical theatre. Improvisation and devising is enjoyed throughout and your child will be encouraged to create their own dramatic scenes.

The most beneficial skill your child can gain from speech and drama is learning to have the confidence and technique to speak in public. Speech and drama particularly concentrates on the development of communication and presentation skills, clear speech and good diction.

Speech and drama lessons also offer the opportunity for your child to enter the prestigious LAMDA Speech, Communication and Drama examinations. Representing the school by entering into the Wirral Speech and Drama festival is yet another opportunity open to your child. These are strictly optional and no child will be forced to enter any examination or festivals. Your child will also have the opportunity to perform in annual school concerts.

Speech and Drama lessons will be held weekly on Fridays during lunch time. Your child will not be taken out of academic subjects to attend their drama lesson. The sessions are conducted in small groups and are half an hour long and promise to be great fun.

The costs of speech and drama lessons are £5.00 per session payable at the beginning of each term.

If you would like your child to benefit from our Speech and Drama lessons, please complete the attached application form and return to the school at your earliest convenience. Places are limited and priority will be given to those who return their application form first. I look forward to working with your child in our creative and fun drama lessons. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ring me on 07901822481.

Yours faithfully

Mrs R Hamer B.A. (Hons), ALAM

Speech and Drama Application Form

If you would like your son/daughter to participate in speech and drama lessons please complete the slip below and return to the school office.

NAME OF CHILD:

DATE OF BIRTH: **AGE:** **SCHOOL YEAR:**

ANY MEDICAL CONDITIONS OR SPECIAL REQUIRMENTS:

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ADDRESS:

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TELEPHONE NUMBER: **MOBILE:**

E-mail:

Parent's signature: