



# CATALYST

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## Aveley Primary

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024

### Welcome back

Dear parents/carers,

To those of you who are returning to us, I trust you had a lovely summer break. For those, joining us, I am delighted to welcome you to Catalyst Aveley Primary.

I am writing today with some messages/reminders to ensure that the school runs, smoothly and the children settle into their new school year.

#### Meet the teacher

We always endeavour to keep parents as informed as possible. We will be sending out dates when parents can come into school very soon, in the meantime, we would like to invite you to come and meet the year group staff team and find out about what children will be learning this term. These sessions will be held directly after school in the hall as below. On the date below, the children will be in the hall ready for the meeting, please come and meet them there. The information shared, will be available for parents on our website following the session to support those who are unable to attend or would like to revisit the content.

Date of meeting	Year group
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Reception
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 1
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 2
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 4
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 5
Wednesday 11 <sup>h</sup> September	Year 6

#### Safeguarding

For the safety of all our pupils, can we please request that all parents do the following:

- Ensure that adults who are allowed to collect your child are recorded on the Arbor app. Staff will only allow children to go home with adults on the contact list. Calls to the office advising of a change of collection details should only be made in emergency situations,
- Check that the details we hold on Arbor (phone number, email address etc) are up to date. We need to have at least two contacts for every child.
- Refrain from using your phone on site.
- Remind your child to walk on the grounds, not on bikes/ scooters.

#### Collection arrangements

Please be reminded that children can only be collected by people listed on the contacts on the child's file on Arbor who are adults over 16. Children in Year5&6 are able to walk home alone if parents have consented on Arbor. Please can we ask all parents collecting to be patient with staff during dismissal while they familiarise themselves with parents in



their new class. Please can you stand back from the doors when collecting to support staff with seeing children getting to parents easily.

### Attendance/Punctuality

Good attendance ensures children have the very best opportunity to be successful in school, both academically and socially. You will no doubt be aware that the government has an increased focus on ensuring children are at school every day. If you or your family need any support with this, please speak to Mrs Kidney or Miss Flowers, who can offer a range of support.

Being on time is incredibly important for all children. We have time in the morning from 8:40am when children can come in, get themselves organised for the day, complete morning tasks so they are fully prepared for the day. Please support your child to have this calm start by ensuring your child is in class by 8:55am.

### Uniform

The children looked very smart today as they arrived for school. Please ensure children are in uniform each day to promote their membership of our school. We will continue to have preloved uniform sales to make being in uniform as affordable as possible. A small watch and stud/sleeper earrings only can be worn.

### PE kits

Children have 3 sessions of PE each week. This is an essential component of the curriculum. Children must have their kit in school each day as sometimes the timetables change. PE kits can go home on a Friday for washing but must be returned on Monday.

### School Dinners

We are very excited to be working with our new caterers, Ashlyns, this year. There is a brand new delicious menu, which is on the school website. Dinners are to be booked on Arbor in advance.

Finally, if you have any questions, please speak to your child's teacher at the end of the day or speak to the office who will direct your enquiry.

We look forward to another successful year working in partnership for the benefit of your child.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs S. Viner  
Headteacher

