



Alvaston Infant & Nursery School
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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have managed to make it to the end of term, without any more bubble closures (thank goodness)! This time of the year is always so busy in school with trying to prepare reports, put transition arrangements in place and ensure that all children have excellent celebrations to reward them for all of their hard work. It has been such an unprecedented year and the community spirit and resilience we have shown, as a school community has been truly inspirational - you really are such special people - thank you.

I wanted to communicate a few updates with you - I hope that you find them useful.

September Arrangements: At present, September seems a long time away (we don't want to wish our summer away), however, we wanted to share with you our proposed plans for next year.

- In large crowds, it is still recommended that people wear their masks.
- The one way system will remain in place. Please adhere to this.
- There will be more children and adults on the playground at any one given time. Please ensure that your child waits in the queue and does not run around the playground.
- Please remember to respect others - COVID is still around and some people are still very anxious.
- If you arrive early, your child will not be able to enter the school building until their start time.
- Due to staffing constraints, children will not be able to come into school at the earlier time, even if they have a sibling. You will need to wait on the playground with your child. Likewise, children will need to be collected at the pick-up time stated below.

Nursery Start/Collection Times:

- Beantree and Woodland Nursery times will remain the same as what they are now*.
- Woodland: 8:45am - 3:15pm
- Beantree: 9:00am - 3:00pm

If your child only attends mornings or afternoons, the times will remain the same. 8:45am or 12:15pm start. 1:45am and 3:15pm collection.

Please take your child to their Nursery and form an orderly queue.

Reception Start/Collection Times:

- Class 1,2 and 3 will start at 8:45am and will finish at 3:00pm. They will be expected to line up on the numbered spots on the playground. If you haven't yet communicated whether your child is attending full days or half days for the first 2 weeks, please contact your child's class teacher via Dojo.
- Children will be dismissed to their spots at 3:00pm. Once again, please form an orderly queue.

Year 1 and Year 2 Start/Collection Times:

- Classes 4,5,6,7, 8 and 9 will all start at 9:00am. They will be expected to line up on, on the playground on their class spots, which are numbered. Year 1 will then go into the hall and Year 2 will go around the school building to the back. We ask that you do not follow your child or their class into school.
- Children will be dismissed at 3:15pm,
- Class 4, 7, 8 and 9 will be dismissed from the hall to their spots.
- Class 5 and 6 will be dismissed from the side door near their classroom.

Transition: Children will have had meetings with their new teachers. A reminder that if you click on the link below, you can click on your child's new year group and see videos of their classroom and read about their teachers.

<https://www.alvastoni.derby.sch.uk/>

Uniform: Lots of parents have asked me about school uniform. Children can wear black or grey trousers, skirts or a pinafore with a plain (or school logo) white or blue polo top. Children can wear a red or navy blue cardigan or jumper. Children can come to school in their PE kit on PE days. Children should wear their school polo top and can wear plain black or navy shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms. PE days will be communicated in September.

Staffing Changes: As you are aware, we are sadly saying goodbye to Mrs Diggall and Mrs Oliver. We wish them success in their new jobs! We will certainly miss them both and want to thank them for everything they have done for our school.

Mrs Simpson has joined our school team. Mrs Simpson is our new School Business Manager - I am sure that you will get to know her and will make her feel very welcome.

Reading: We know how important reading is and want the children to read as much as possible over the school holiday. Therefore, teachers will allocate books via Bug Club for your child to read. We will be collecting in all reading and library books so that they do not get lost over the summer.

Opening Times Over Summer: If you have any urgent safeguarding concerns over the summer, please use this link: <https://www.alvastoni.derby.sch.uk/safeguarding> in order to report concerns via the appropriate channel. Please also email me on head@alvastoni.derby.sch.uk and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

We think it is important that everyone gets a break over summer. Therefore, if you have any other enquiries, the school office will be open on Wednesday 28th July and Thursday 29th July. Phones will be answered on these days.

Breakfast and After School Club: Breakfast and Afterschool Club will start back on Wednesday 2nd September. Please remember that this is a pre-bookable service only and that you will need to complete registration forms before starting. If you have any questions about these clubs, please contact Mrs Lymer or Mr Babicki via the school office - admin@alvastoni.derby.sch.uk

Consent Forms: Please find attached a new consent form for you to complete. We will not be able to dismiss your child to anyone who is not listed on this form, without your permission. If there are any changes to the form, please contact the school immediately. Please return these by 2nd September.

Parent Governor: Thank you to all of the parents who voted for the Parent Governor. I am delighted to announce that the winner was Kirsty Bull. We are sure she will be an excellent addition to our Governing Body.

Allergy Update: We are an inclusive school and we strive to ensure that every child receives the best possible care. Currently, in school, we have children with milk, peanut and latex allergies. It is imperative that you do not bring balloons, rubber bands, rubbers or anything containing latex into school. Children will now be expected to wash their hands after they have had their milk and they will need to drink their milk in the classroom. When bringing in snacks for children to 'share' for birthdays, please bear this in mind - you will need to check that it is okay to share celebration 'snacks' with your child's class teacher. Please do not send peanuts (or peanut butter) into school. If your child has an allergy, please notify us ASAP so that we can ensure that a personalised plan is completed for your child. Please indicate below that you have read and understood this allergy update.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all, for being the best teachers, parents and school family any school could ever wish to have. I wish you all a very safe and happy summer that is filled with lots of fun, laughter and memory making.

Kind regards,

Liss Allen
Headteacher



This consent form refers to the letter dated 20th July 2021
Please hand to your child's Class Teacher

Name of child _____ Year _____ Class _____

Please circle to indicate consent

I agree to my child's photograph to be shared on the Class Dojo Page Yes No

I agree to my child's photograph to be shared on the School Dojo Page Yes No

I agree to my child's photograph to be shared on the Social Media Page Yes No

I agree to my child featuring on the school's YouTube Channel Yes No

I agree to my child's photograph to be shared for PR work and advertising purposes
Page Yes No

I have read the allergy update and will adhere to the guidance given Yes No

Please state below who can collect your child:

Name of person collecting:	Relationship to child:	Any other notes e.g. specific days:

I agree to notify the school of any changes to the pick up arrangements Yes No

Signed: _____

Date: _____