



17th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I cannot quite believe it is the final day of the academic year. I wanted to take this final opportunity to thank you for your kindness, patience and support of the staff at Axe Valley Academy during this period where our usual transition has not been possible.

We are very pleased to be able to announce that our new virtual tour will be launching soon. An email will be sent to you with the link. You will be able to access it through links on our website. We hope it not only helps you get a feel for the school and how the various buildings fit together but also what an exciting, ambitious school you are joining.

This letter is designed to give you the answers to some frequently asked questions across the transition calls and to give you the opportunity to have contact with me across the summer break if you have any concerns or questions. All of the letters that we send out to parents are available on our website.

<https://axevalley.devon.sch.uk/information/letters/>

## **FAQS**

### **When does the new term start?**

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September will be a Year 7 only day. All students should be dropped in the bus park at the rear of school. We would like to encourage as many students as possible to walk or cycle. If parents are dropping their children off we are respectfully asking that they remain in their vehicles. Axe Valley Academy staff will greet all new Year 7s at the bus park gates and escort them into school. There is no access to school through the front main reception to students.

### **Are school buses running?**

Devon County Council has confirmed that normal school transport will be running and that they will update families on their guidance during the summer. The link to see their most up to date guidance is below. If your child uses the AX885 public bus you should have completed an essential survey today. Please contact us immediately if you have not received this. We will strongly recommend that anyone travelling to school by bus should do so wearing a face covering.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/school-and-college-transport>

### **Will children have to wear school uniform?**

Students will be expected to wear **full** school uniform and bring their own equipment with them in September and I have attached the uniform policy again for information. We are asking that if students have PE on their timetable that they arrive in Axe Valley Academy PE uniform on those days and remain in that kit throughout the day. This will be their uniform on days where they have PE.

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They should have their normal full school uniform in their bags in case they need it on these days. Students will be allowed to wear their Axe Valley Academy PE hoodies, blazers or plain dark coats over their PE kits if they wish. It is essential that they wear Axe Valley Academy PE kit and not any other gym wear. **They will not need to come in or bring PE kit on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September or Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September.**

### **What are the timings of the school day?**

Students are to arrive for 8.45am at the rear of school only. On normal teaching days students will be asked to move directly to their first timetabled lesson.

Arrival	08:45
Lesson 1	08:50-09:50
Lesson Changeover	09:50
Lesson 2	09:55-10:55
Morning Break	10:55-11:15
Lesson 3	11:15-12:15
Lunchtime	12:15-12:40
Registration	12:40-13:05
Lesson Changeover	13:05
Lesson 4	13:10-14:10
Afternoon Break	14:10-14:25
Lesson 5	14:25-15:25

### **How will the canteen work?**

Year 7&8 will have their own canteen in the Arts Centre. Wrapped snacks and drinks will be served at breaks and a grab and go lunch option will be available only. The grab and go option will be a meal deal to the value of £2.20 and students who are entitled to Free School Meals will be able to collect an option. There will always be a hot or cold meal choice with cake or fruit. A sample week's menu is below.

#### Monday

Southern coated chicken Wrap  
Pasta and sauce (V)  
Choice of sandwich

#### Tuesday

Panko coated chicken burger  
Jacket potato beans and cheese (V)  
Choice of sandwich

#### Wednesday

Chicken Skewers  
Steak or vegetarian Pasty (V)  
Choice of baguette

#### Thursday

Choice of panini  
Sausage Roll  
Choice of salad pot (V)

### Friday

Cheeseburger or chicken nuggets and chips

Veggie sausage and chips (V)

Choice of salad pot

I hope that this gives you some of the most important information, as we know it at the moment, to help you prepare for a positive return in the new academic year.

I'd like to remind parents that it is essential that for anyone displaying symptoms of coronavirus that they do not attend school and that you inform school immediately by telephone. The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste

There are still many questions that we don't have the answers to however I'd like to reassure you that we are here to support you and we will pass on information as quickly as it comes to us. The [admin@axevalley.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@axevalley.devon.sch.uk) email will be checked throughout the holiday and so please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Additionally parents can request a face to face meeting on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2020 in school with me if they have questions or concerns that cannot be answered remotely. To book an appointment with me for 21<sup>st</sup> August 2020 please email Mrs Ford [lford@axevalley.devon.sch.uk](mailto:lford@axevalley.devon.sch.uk). There will be 2 remote parent meeting opportunities using Zoom across the summer break for any new Year 7 parents who would like to ask any questions or talk to me about any of the systems that will be in place for September. The links to these remote meetings are below:-

#### **Zoom Meeting 1 – 20<sup>th</sup> August**

Laura Jenkins is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: AVA new year 7 parent meeting - headteacher questions

Time: Aug 20, 2020 05:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74843940199?pwd=NmVmakhxc0NNVXNrdm5oc3c3dHdOQT09>

Meeting ID: 748 4394 0199

Passcode: 4Ki5xD

#### **Zoom Meeting 2 – 27<sup>th</sup> August**

Laura Jenkins is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: AVA new year 7 parent meeting - headteacher questions

Time: Aug 27, 2020 05:00 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78100130068?pwd=Z1NMU2hiWS9xeXRFWGY4bVhaWDNwUT09>

Meeting ID: 781 0013 0068

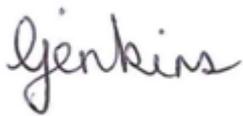
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### **In summary**

- Year 7 start Axe Valley Academy on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020
- You must not attend Axe Valley Academy if you have any symptoms of coronavirus
- Full school uniform will be expected. Students will wear Axe Valley Academy PE uniform on a day where they have timetabled PE lessons
- School transport will be running
- The canteen will offer a grab and go meal deal option only to be paid by cash

I'd like to wish you all a happy, healthy and safe holiday on behalf of all of the staff at Axe Valley Academy.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jenkins". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

Laura Jenkins  
Headteacher