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A few updates/reminders:

Home School Agreement

Every child will be given two copies of our home school agreement Covid 19 Update. Please sign and return a copy back to school and keep the other at home as a reminder. It outlines all of the steps that we are putting in place to keep pupils, staff and families safe and our expectations of our pupils and families during this time.

Drop off and collection



We are encouraging a one way system in and out of school. When you drop your child at the main gate, please leave the school site via the side gate closest to the school. Children will be brought to the wing 1 markers. Parents will be asked to wait at the main gate, come in to collect their child when they have seen them and leave via the side exit. Hopefully this will prevent congestion and minimise close contact with other children.

Pupil Belongings



Some pupils have been bringing large rucksacks into school. All they need is a packed lunch and a water bottle at the moment. As we are not using the coat pegs (to avoid clustering the children together) all equipment is 'around' the children's desks. Therefore it is important that we minimise belongings coming from home to school. Thank you for your support with this – I know that the children like to bring a rucksack, but at the moment, it is not necessary.

Home learning

Although some year groups are now returning to school, home learning is still the mainstay of most children's education at AJA. I think you will agree with me when I say that all of us – children, parents/carers and school staff alike – entered truly uncharted territory back in March when we could no longer be together in class.

Aware that home-life does not look the same for everyone, home learning at AJA aims to strike the fine balance between keeping up the children's education and looking after their mental health and well-being. Every week, class teachers send a home learning overview on Class Dojo, which explains the tasks to be completed on Purple Mash (with a focus on maths, computing and topic), a well-being task, a creative task and a series of reading challenges. These tasks are to be completed throughout the week and the children are encouraged to send us photographs of their work via their portfolio on Class Dojo.

You may also have noticed videos of the teachers reading their favourite stories popping up on Class Dojo – at AJA we are passionate about reading and the benefits it provides for young and old alike. Last but not least, mindful that on-screen learning does not suit everybody, we also provide paper home learning packs, which can be collected from school. We are extremely proud with the way the children have risen to this home learning challenge with such enthusiasm and would like to thank parents and carers for supporting school's home learning approach – its success was largely down to you!