



16 July 2020

Parents/Carers - Years 5, 6 and 7 Pupils

Dear Parent/Carer

Please find attached a copy of your child's annual report. This has certainly been the strangest year since I entered the profession 23 years ago and one that I hope is never repeated. Thank you to you all for your continued efforts with home learning, as well as your support in general throughout the year.

Your child's report contains attainment levels for all subjects. Please bear in mind that many of these will be similar to previously recorded data as the pupils learning experiences have been very different during the school closure and lockdown. They do not therefore reflect what we might normally see at this stage of an academic year. An explanation of these grades can be found below. Also included are written reports from your child's Tutor and Head of Year, as well as from myself.

Academic Attainment

Your child will have been awarded a grade – E, D, S or M – for each subject:

M – Mastering
S – Secure (meeting the expected standards for their age)
D – Developing
E – Emerging

This letter outlines the following arrangements for September:

- Pupil preparation for return
- Procedures for arriving and leaving school
- Break & lunch arrangements
- Changes to school layout and curriculum
- Staffing update
- Tutor groups for next year

We look forward to welcoming the pupils back as follows in September:-

Monday 7th September - Years 5 and Year 8 only for Tutor days.

Tuesday 8th September - all Year groups for Tutor days.

Wednesday 9th September - timetable to be commenced by all Year groups.

Pupils should wear their school uniform daily, apart from the days when they are timetabled to have PE. On these days they need to wear appropriate PE kit for the day. I would also ask all families to ensure that each child has a fully equipped pencil case, which will be left at school at the end of each day. This pencil case must contain:

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| • Blue/black handwriting pen | red pen |
| • Pencils (2B and 4B to also use in art) | eraser |
| • Sharpener | ruler |
| • Glue stick | scissors |
| • Highlighter | whiteboard pen |
| • Protractor | calculator |

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A small bottle of hand sanitiser gel can be brought to school for pupils' personal use and should be kept in their bags until needed. Hand sanitiser will be available outside every classroom and pupils will use before entering the room.

Locker keys will not be issued at the start of the year, so pupils will need to bring everything they need for the day in a decent sized bag, which will be placed on the floor beside their work space each day. Mobile phones cannot be handed in and must be kept turned off in their bags.

I would ask all families to ensure that they sign up to ParentPay. This is our online payment method as well as our email system for school communications and letters. This will also prevent the need for pupils to bring cash into school.

The school site will be split into year districts. Due to social distancing measures, please note that pupils should not come onsite until 8:50 am. The pupil entrances and exits will be as follows:

- Year 5 - by the bottom playground near the PE changing rooms
- Year 6 - gate at the front of school near the Drama studio
- Year 7 - by the rear entrance to the school (Fairlands Way)
- Year 8 - by the bottom playground near PE

Pupils will be directed to their tutor rooms immediately. Staff will be around to facilitate this at the start and end of the day. Pupils arriving by bus will be asked to move to the appropriate entrance district upon arrival. At this time, all pupils on school or public transport should wear a face covering throughout their journey. I would like to urge all families to walk where they can to reduce the flow of traffic around the area of our school.

Break times and lunchtimes (slightly extended) will take place as normal with social distancing measures and allocated districts in place for each year group. Break time snacks will not be provided until it is safer to do so, so I would encourage all families to ensure your child has had breakfast before leaving home, as well as bringing a water bottle and snack to school. School dinners will recommence, with only a year group in the hall at a time and cleaning taking place before the next year group enters. Contrary to previous arrangements, pupils with packed lunches will be directed to eat outside in their district area.

School will be structured into 4 "districts" with each district operating as a year group bubble. Staff will move between these districts to teach and support pupils, but the pupils will only move around classrooms within their bubble. The districts will operate as follows:

- Year 5 - Year 5 area
- Year 6 - MFL, Hums & drama corridor
- Year 7 - English corridor, Art & SC2
- Year 8 - Maths corridor, Hut & SC1

It is our intention to begin the new school year with the curriculum designated for that appropriate school year, with some recovery work taking place when and where needed.



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The Years 5 and 6 curriculum will remain largely as it is now in an effort to keep a broad and balanced curriculum. However, many lessons will feel different. Classrooms will be laid out differently and some specialist rooms and equipment cannot be used. Science and DT lessons will be taught in classrooms. Music lessons will be replaced by a wellbeing session. CID lessons will focus upon the citizenship topics initially.

The Years 7 and 8 curriculum will look different than normal. Only 1 lesson of DT will take place, with an additional lesson of maths in the second hour. MFL lessons will reduce from 3 hours to 2, to allow an additional English lesson to take place. Drama lessons are suspended to provide additional literacy and reading time. Music lessons will also be replaced as outlined above.

All of these measures will be reviewed at October half term where we will again listen to any updated guidance and amend where necessary.

We have some changes to our staff team. I would like to thank Colin Heath and Henry Favre who are leaving us this summer. I am sorry that the pupils cannot say goodbye as they would want to, but would like to thank them for the service and support in their time with us. We welcome Jess Dunning to the Science team, Megan Newbury to the Year 5 team, Victoria Boorman to the humanities team, as well as Natalie Carson and Lianne Walking to the SEND team. I know they will all strengthen the staff team here at Fairlands even further.

I enclose a copy of the tutor teams for the next academic year. I hope that this allays any fears or worries for pupils. Existing Year 5s can see their new tutor that will work with them for the next 3 years. There are some minor changes for existing Years 6s and 7s and we welcome the appointment of Mrs Imogen Malykh as Head of Year 7, allowing Mr Rob Cooling to concentrate upon his Associate Leader role.

I wish you all a safe and happy summer. The staff and I are all looking forward to having all pupils back in September, but I would politely ask that you please keep an eye on our school website for further possible updates throughout the summer period.

Yours sincerely

Stefan McHale
Headteacher



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Tutors 2020/2021

Year Group	Head of Year	Blackdown	Mendip	Nyland	Polden	Quantock
5	Mr Greg Passingham	Mrs Lucy Heard (Mo, Tu-am, Th, Fr) Mrs Careen Chew (Tu-pm, We)	Mrs Sue Naden	Miss Emma Nixon	Miss Megan Newbury (Mo, Tu, We, Fr) Mrs Careen Chew (Th)	Mrs Kim Rowlinson
6	Mrs Sally Virgin	Mrs Cathy Perry	Miss Laura Hinchcliffe (pm) Mrs Fiona Koutras (am)	Miss Jess Dunning	Mrs Kathy Trinel (M, Tu, Th) Mrs Sonia Palmer (W, F)	Miss Jules Brown
7	Mrs Imogen Malykh	Miss Jess Richardson Mrs Lea Mazi-Thomas (Mo-am)	Miss Vicky Evans	Mrs Rebecca Sheppard (Mo, Tu, We, Th) Mr Matt Vincent (Fr)	Mrs Lucy Lee (Mo, Th, Fr) Mr Rob Cooling (Tu, We)	Mrs Steph Milne
8	Mrs Nicki Maguire	Mr Declan Murphy	Miss Kate Leech	Mr John Virgin	Mrs Felicity Grant (Tu, We, Fr) Mrs Andrea Brice (Mo, Th)	Mrs Olivia Soulson (Mo, Th, Fri We am) Mrs Andrea Brice (Tu, We-pm)



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