

Closure & the curriculum: Advice for pupils and families

Government guidance means that we have no choice but to close Fairlands Middle School for the foreseeable future. A skeleton staff will continue on site to provide a safe environment for vulnerable pupils and those whose parents are classified as key workers. The majority of pupils will need to access work via our online learning platform, Edmodo. Over the last 2 weeks we have been providing pupils with all the necessary Edmodo class codes and checking that they can log onto their accounts.

If a pupil has no internet access, we will provide paper copies of work before school closes on Friday.

Pupils should use their time at home to continue to learn and develop skills from across the curriculum. Our Fairlands Curriculum Map is available via the school website should you wish to refer to it at any point. The expectation on how long pupils should spend on each curriculum area is that it should match their dedicated curriculum time during a standard school week. However, pupils do not need to replicate their timetable at home and can decide how they wish to structure their time. This means, for example, they could decide to dedicate a whole morning to a science project. We have included a table below to help you see the curriculum hours for each year group.

Work set could be:

1. Projects. These allow for a more individual programme of study and are more likely to offer some element of choice for the pupils.
2. Continuing from the planned Scheme of Learning. Pupils will be provided with the resources necessary to carry on with the lessons as planned. This will be more prescriptive, and pupils will need follow work as set.
3. Revision. Some tasks will be focussed on giving pupils a chance to consolidate earlier learning and continue to review and improve key skills. This is especially relevant for pupils in Year 6.

Classrooms teachers will be checking their Edmodo pages once a day and can respond to any queries pupils have posted. If a pupil has a problem accessing a page – please contact school where we will help find the information you need. It is anticipated some staff will be in between 8.45 and 3.35 each day.

House points will be used to reward those who complete work.

| YEAR 5: Curriculum area | Hours per week |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| English | 6 |
| Maths | 6 |
| Science | 3 |
| Hums | 2 |
| PE | 2 |
| MFL | 1 |
| Music | 1 |
| Art | 1 |
| DT | 1 |
| CID | 1 |
| RE | 1 |

| YEAR 6: Curriculum area | Hours per week |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| English | 6 |
| Maths | 6 |
| Science | 3 |
| Hums | 2 |
| PE | 2 |
| MFL | 1 |
| Music | 1 |
| Art | 1 |
| DT | 1 |
| CID | 1 |
| RE | 1 |

| YEAR 7: Curriculum area | Hours per week |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| English | 3 |
| Maths | 3 |
| Science | 3 |
| French/German | 3 |
| PE | 2 |
| Geography/RE | 2 |
| History/RE | 2 |
| Art | 1 |
| DT – Food and textiles | 1 |
| DT – Resistant materials | 1 |
| Music | 1 |
| Drama | 1 |
| Citizenship | 1 |
| Computing | 1 |

| YEAR 8: Curriculum area | Hours per week |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| English | 3 |
| Maths | 3 |
| Science | 3 |
| French/German | 3 |
| PE | 2 |
| Geography/RE | 2 |
| History/RE | 2 |
| Art | 1 |
| DT – Food and textiles | 1 |
| DT – Resistant materials | 1 |
| Music | 1 |
| Drama | 1 |
| Citizenship | 1 |
| Computing | 1 |

May we thank you in advance for your support during this challenging and uncertain time. Please follow the Government advice and look after yourselves and your loved ones.