



Fairlands Middle School

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4 September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

In line with updated guidance, I wanted to set out the position with regards face coverings, as well as remind you of some of the arrangements for the pupils return next week.

All pupils who travel on public transport should wear a face mask which, when not worn, should be kept in a re-sealable plastic bag. Could you please remind your child that they should always wear their face mask when travelling on the bus, as they might not be reminded by the driver. Staff will be on duty when they arrive at school to advise them of the face mask removal procedure. They will also ensure the procedure is followed when they travel home from school.

At this time, we are not asking pupils to wear face masks in school with the exception of Years 7 and 8 pupils in DT lessons for safety reasons, where we would politely ask you to provide your child with a face mask and re-sealable bag for those lessons.

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:

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

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 on entering and exiting the room.

The school site will be split into year districts. 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 (Froglands Way)
- Year 8 - by the bottom playground near PE

You may wish to visit our website and see the latest news, in which we have uploaded a video showing how we will keep our pupils and staff safe. Also attached is a copy of 'Management of COVID-19 in school-age children, Action for parents/carers', for your information.

We are really excited in welcoming Years 5 and 8 on Monday, joined by Years 6 and 7 on Tuesday.

Yours sincerely

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Safeguarding Children is everyone's responsibility.

If you are worried about any child please make an appointment to see either Helen Heffernan, Designated Safeguarding Lead or Robert Cooling, Felicity Grant, Sally Virgin, Designated Safeguarding Deputies
Alternatively, you can phone NPSCC: 0808 800 5000 Somerset Direct: 0300 123 2224