



Fairlands Middle School

Caring and Inspirational



27 November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for your continued support throughout these difficult times. I am immensely proud of the efforts our pupils are putting into their learning, as well as how well they are following the safety measures that we have put in place. With the announcement that Somerset will be placed into the Tier 2 category, we need to maintain these in the short term (once we receive updated guidance from the DfE, I will write to parents/carers again to outline any amendments for the New Year).

As a result, we will be continuing with the current arrangements until the end of term. This means that we will continue with the protocols that are in place for the remaining 3 weeks until we break up for Christmas. Pupils should continue to wear their face coverings in between lessons and on the way to and from school, as well as sanitizing their hands into and out of every classroom. Thank you for reinforcing the HANDS SPACE FACE message at home with them as well.

Unfortunately, Christmas will look a little different this year at Fairlands:

- Our Years 5 and 6 pupils are currently engaged in a Christmas card competition, which we will be using for my card to other schools and also sharing with Weston Hospital Intensive Care Unit.
- Pupils will be able to wear a Christmas jumper with their normal school uniform on the last day of term when in their tutor groups. Please do not feel you need to buy one just for the occasion.
- You may have received a separate letter about our Christmas dinner via ParentPay, which will be served in a takeaway container this year and delivered to each tutor group by staff. Please ensure that you reply with your meal selection and method of payment as soon as you are able to allow us to facilitate this.
- Our FPTA traditionally hold a raffle to raise valuable funds to support the pupils, but again the measures in place both in and out of school make this difficult. As a result, I would politely ask that if you are able to make a donation to their funds that you do so. Many thanks to those families that have already done this – your donations have contributed to the new fresh water fountains, which have been installed around the school.

I sincerely hope that despite these measures, we are able to bring some festive cheer to our school!

Thank you once again for helping us to maintain a safe learning environment for the pupils. Your support has meant that we have been able to keep as many children as possible in school throughout the past 12 weeks and hope that this continues to be the case.

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, Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads
Alternatively, you can phone NPSCC: 0808 800 5000 Somerset Direct: 0300 123 2224