



Fairlands Middle School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for your continued efforts in supporting your child/children with their home learning. Many of you will have heard the announcement earlier this week that the earliest we can expect any further reopening of schools is the week commencing 8 March. I look forward to hearing more information immediately after the half term break about what the return to school plans might look like for the pupils. This should allow enough time for families to plan for their return.

Thank you to those of you that have completed our parent survey. Your feedback has been important to us in understanding how families are dealing with remote learning, as well as what is working well and what could be improved with our practices. If you were unable to capture all of your thoughts please share them further with us at office@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk If you have not yet had a chance to complete the survey, the link is given below:-

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WLThomelearning>

Much of the feedback received so far has been around some time delay and lagging on the Edmodo system for pupils uploading work or staff posting messages, as well as what constitutes live learning. Live lessons consist of live availability from teachers although that may range in length of time. Unless teachers are working with key worker pupils in school, they are always available for the pupils as per their timetables. Even if pre-recorded content is provided as work, the teacher is available for questions, queries, etc. throughout the lesson on the Edmodo platform.

I am grateful to those families that have shared any issues accessing learning with us. Please do continue to contact us if any issues arise that we can help and support with. We have a number of donated laptops that we can loan, as well as SIM cards that will provide free data to those of you using mobile devices. You can expect to see live lessons scheduled more regularly. We are also contacting homes where we know pupils are not accessing or submitting work to provide further help and guidance.

The school terms and inset days have been agreed for 2021/2022 and a copy is attached for your information.

I would like to finish this letter by thanking families for the many messages of support and thanks. Staff are working extremely hard to ensure lessons and learning continues in a way that is becoming the new norm for them.

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

