



Fairlands Middle School

Caring and Inspirational



12 February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you so much for all your hard work and effort over the last 6 weeks of remote learning. I know that many of you are juggling with work or working from home, but your support for your child/children is invaluable in ensuring that they attend remote lessons and engage with their school work.

Our return after the half term break (on Monday 22 February) will see the 'roadmap' set out for how we may come out of national lockdown. This should set out how we can expect pupils to return to school. As yet, we have received no further information on what this may look like. Please keep a close eye on your email and our website for communications regarding our plans once we receive and digest this information.

Thank you to those of you that took the time to complete our recent parent survey. I was delighted to read the many positive comments that you shared, which in turn provided a real boost to our staff team. We will, of course, also carefully consider the suggestions as to how we can perhaps improve further.

I am overjoyed to see so many of our pupils attending live lessons and submitting work to their teachers. It is always a pleasure to drop into one of these sessions and wave hello to the pupils. At the end of last week, 58% of our lessons were delivered live. We are monitoring all pupil participation in our remote learning and parents/carers will be emailed weekly if a pupil's attendance is of concern.

Tutors are providing two live tutor sessions per week on Teams. It is really important that pupils attend these sessions so that we can share messages with them, as well as ensure that they keep a sense of "togetherness" at this time. Where pupils are not attending, tutors are being asked to contact home.

I would like all pupils to ensure that they recharge and re-energise over the half term break to prepare themselves for the challenges that lie ahead. Please ensure that you also take the opportunity to find time to do other things over the break.

Can I please remind all families that our live Teams lessons are recorded. This is to ensure that pupils are able to revisit their learning, as well as allow them to access the learning at a later date if they are unable to make the lesson. I have attached a copy of our live lesson information for parents/carers. Please let us know if you object to your child being part of the recordings.

Year 8 parents/carers will receive a letter via email regarding the HPV vaccination programme. In normal circumstances, Somerset SAINT (school aged immunisation nursing team) would visit school within the coming weeks to administer the Year 8 HPV vaccinations. Due to the national lockdown, this will be slightly delayed with the aim of recommencing when schools reopen. Community sessions may be held within the local area and Somerset SAINT may be in contact with you to invite your child to attend one of these.

I wish all families a restful week and look forward to seeing all our pupils return safely sometime soon.

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