



Fairlands Middle School

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26 February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I am sure that you were as delighted as the staff and I were to hear the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday evening allowing the full reopening of schools from Monday 8 March. A two week period to plan for this safe return has been most welcome, and necessary. I would therefore like to share our plans with you to enable you to plan effectively.

Pupils in Year 5 and 6 will return on Monday 8 March. The first two lessons will be spent with their tutor groups as we welcome them back to Fairlands.

Arrangements for Year 7 and Year 8 pupils are slightly different due to the need for those pupils to complete Lateral Flow Tests (LFT) before returning to school:

- Year 8 pupils will be invited to visit onsite to take an LFT test on Monday 8 March before returning to school on Tuesday 9 March.
- Year 7 pupils will be invited to visit onsite to take an LFT test on Tuesday 9 March before returning to school on Wednesday 10 March.

Pupils in Year 7 and Year 8 will need to complete three LFT tests in school over the first two weeks of school, with 3-5 days between each test. These tests will take place in our onsite testing centre. Following these three tests, families will be required to complete these tests at home. Each pupil, will be issued with a home testing pack following these tests. Please see the separate letter attached to those families regarding consent. Thank you to all those individuals that have offered to support us in this process.

Please note that there will be a slight change to lessons offered in the days prior to return. From Friday, any year group due to return the following working day, will be directed by their teachers on Edmodo to complete any outstanding pieces of work that are vital for the new units of study. Other year groups will access work set via Edmodo as usual. Please do bear in mind that teachers may not be available online during the lesson due to preparing the classrooms for your child's safe return.

Face coverings are to be worn by all pupils and staff in all locations, where social distancing cannot be achieved easily. This may require pupils to wear their face coverings in class as well as when they are moving around the school. We recommend that they bring spares and store them safely; it is the expectation that pupils remember to bring and take care of their own face covering. In the event of a child arriving at school without their face covering, we will supply one; a charge of 50p will be made for all subsequent face coverings after the first one.

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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 school PE kit for the day. I would also ask all families to ensure that each child has a fully equipped pencil case. 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 on site until 8:45 am. This is to avoid large gatherings of pupils by the entrance areas. The entrances and exits, which have changed from the autumn term, will be as follows:

- Year 5 – through the main School Reception
- Year 6 - by the bottom playground near the PE changing rooms (via Masons Way entrance)
- Year 7 - gate at the front of school near the drama studio
- Year 8 - by the rear entrance to the school (Froglands Way)

I would like to end by thanking all families for their huge efforts over the last 7 weeks. We all hope that the roll-out of the vaccination programme combined with successful home testing arrangements will enable us to provide a more "normal" experience for the pupils in the months ahead. By ensuring that we all follow the guidelines and safety measures that are in place, both within school and our communities, the hardest times may be behind us.

Yours sincerely

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