



Fairlands Middle School

Caring and Inspirational



26 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As we near the end of the Spring term I want to thank you all for your support over the last few weeks with the pupils returning to school full time, as well as your support over the last few months. Little did we know on our INSET day back on Monday 4 January that we would be notified of a further national lockdown later that evening, resulting in pupils having remote learning provided for an 8 week period. Their return to school has been amazing in the way that they have embraced being back in a physical classroom, as well as the enthusiasm they have displayed in engaging with their learning.

I would like to formally thank the small number of parent volunteers that assisted us with our COVID testing centre to enable Year 7 and Year 8 pupils to complete 3 LFD tests on their return. We could not have done this huge task without you! All pupils in Year 7 and Year 8 completed their tests safely and have been supplied with home testing kits. Please do ensure that they continue to test twice weekly throughout the Easter holiday period, as well as ensuring that the pupils are tested on the weekend before their return to school on Monday 19th April. A positive test at any time should be reported to the school by email: office@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk to enable us to perform our track and trace obligations.

A polite reminder that the last day of term is Wednesday 31 March. Pupils should return to school on Monday 19 April. The return will see school operating as it does at the moment, so pupils should continue to use the existing allocated entrances and exits. The gates do not open until 8:45am so please do not drop your child off early. We have received several complaints from our neighbours and the local PCSO's about groups of children congregating from much earlier. This remains unsafe and I thank you in advance for reinforcing these messages with your child/children. Pupils should continue to wear PE kit on the days they have PE lessons, but this should now change to summer kit of a white polo shirt, blue shorts and short white ankle socks. On the whole, pupils continue to wear their uniform with pride, but support for the correct PE kit as we approach warmer weather is much appreciated. The current arrangement regarding the wearing of face coverings remains the same. Please keep an eye on our website or Twitter feed for any further updates during the holiday period.

I would like to remind all families that our remote learning provision and plans can be found on the front of our website. I sincerely hope that we will not face another national lockdown, but we continue to face times where individuals or groups of pupils may face short term periods of remote learning, as we remain in the pandemic.

I wish you all a restful and Happy Easter break!

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