



Fairlands Middle School

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17 June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Following the government's announcement on Monday evening, I am writing to advise you that the existing protocols and measures will remain in school until the end of the academic year on Friday 23 July. The pupils will remain in their districts and only essential visitors will be allowed onto the school site.

Year 7 and Year 8 pupils should continue to undertake their LFD tests twice a week and more test kits will be supplied in due course. Individuals who have been identified as a close contact of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 infection, but not from the same household, are now encouraged to take a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test, as soon as advised they are a close contact of a case. This is regardless of whether or not they have symptoms. **A negative test does not release a close contact from isolation. In the event of a negative test, it is really important that people still complete their isolation period regardless of the test result.** If the initial PCR test was negative for close contacts, and during their 10 day isolation period they develop symptoms, they would need to take a further PCR test.

Our health education programme for the whole school will be held next week from **Monday 21 June until Thursday 24 June inclusive**. For these days, the normal timetable is suspended and pupils work with their year teams on health related issues. The programmes are as follows:

- Year 5 – Substances Education
- Year 6 – Relationships and Sex Education
- Year 7 – Physical and Emotional Wellbeing; Staying Safe (including a Year 7 taster day at the Kings of Wessex Academy on Thursday 24 June)
- Year 8 – Relationships and Sex Education, Emotional Wellbeing and Safeguarding

Despite the government announcements, we are aiming to run a few of our usual end of term activities, including the Year 5 play to be held on **Tuesday 6 July** and Sports Days, which will take place on **Thursday 8 July and Friday 9 July**. Sadly, we will be unable to invite parents/carers to these events. We are arranging for Year 5 parents/carers to watch the play on our YouTube channel.

We are working with the other Wessex Learning Trust schools on how we move forward with transition day for the pupils. I can confirm that Year 8 pupils will spend the day at Kings of Wessex Academy on **Monday 12 July**. Pupils will need a drink, packed lunch and a water bottle.

Following a successful pilot of Google Forms to collect permissions from parents, we intend to make this a permanent feature of our communication with you. We will be using Office 365 Forms to collect permissions – it will work in exactly the same way as Google Forms, but all data you provide on the form will be stored within our secure Office 365 environment where we have more control over retention and deletion, with less risk of personal data being collected from your home devices. If you do not wish to provide permissions through a link to an Office 365 Form, we can



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provide a paper-based alternative upon request to the office. Please be aware that if you send your permissions in on a paper form, we will manually add the data you provide to the Office 365 Form so we can export an accurate and complete Excel spreadsheet of data to share with necessary staff. We will only ever ask for the minimum information we need, and we will always delete information when it is no longer required. For more information, please see the Trust privacy notice <https://www.fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk/policies/>

A polite reminder that Friday 25 June is an INSET day and, therefore, school will be closed to pupils.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

Stefan McHale
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