



Fairlands Middle School

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23 July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of a unique and extraordinary academic year, I wanted to write to you to thank you for your support throughout the year. The pupils have had to cope with measures and protocols that have not been seen before. I am proud of each and every one of them for keeping themselves and other users safe, as well as continuing to work enthusiastically in lessons.

I am really proud of the way that the pupils have faced the challenges that the year has thrown at them. Many returned after a significant period of home learning at the end of the previous academic year, only to have the same challenge thrown at them again after Easter. The continuation of these safety measures throughout the whole academic year, as well as the loss of valuable enrichment activities such as trips and residentials, has made school life difficult for many of them. Despite this, they have risen to the challenge and been supported fabulously by both staff and yourselves. It is this partnership that plays a vital role in their development.

September should hopefully see some changes that will support pupils even further. Pupils should be able to make use of our specialist spaces and will once again move from lesson to lesson across the whole site. This will further support the activities and curriculum on offer by using those specialist teaching areas for all pupils. We will be moving to a two-week timetable, which will allow more flexibility with our curriculum offer. The website will remind you what week we are on to ensure your child knows what the day ahead has in store for them. Pupils can continue to arrive in PE kit on timetabled PE days, with a review around October half term when the activities and weather will change. Separate entrances and exits will remain in place and will be as follows:

- New Year 5 via Reception
- New Year 6 via gate by drama room (front of school)
- New Year 7 via Masons Way (maths block)
- New Year 8 via Froglands Way (English block)

On site testing for Year 7 and Year 8 pupils will return for the first week of term and the parents/carers of these pupils have received a separate letter from me. Thank you in advance to those families that have volunteered to support this process once again.

As ever at this time of year, we have some staffing changes. Kirstie Thomson and Megan Newbury will be leaving us to take up posts at new schools. Although both of them have only been with us for a short time, they have made a strong impression on the pupils and our community. Sarah Aynsley and Olivia Soulson have decided to face new challenges and both will leave a huge influence on a number of pupils they have taught across their years here. Kieran Webster will also be leaving us to embark upon teacher training. I wish them all well in the future.



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I would like to say farewell to the Year 8 pupils and other pupils leaving us this term and wish them well on the next stage of their educational journeys.

A reminder that the new school year begins on Wednesday 8 September. The only change to this may be as a result of any government intervention due to COVID, so please keep an eye on our website and twitter feed for updates throughout the summer.

Once again, thank you for all your support this year. I wish you all a safe, relaxing and happy summer!

Yours sincerely

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