



# Fairlands Middle School

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21 October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of the first half term of the new academic year, I wanted to thank all our families for their support over the last 7 weeks. It has been a real privilege to see our new pupils settle well into their learning, make new friends and get used to our site layout, as well as our existing pupils return to learning. Staff and pupils have both certainly enjoyed a bit more “normality” by moving from classroom to classroom and have all benefitted from this approach. It has been lovely to see so many of the pupils have their efforts rewarded with the awarding of house point badges this week.

Thank you to those families that have signed up with Class Charts and are making use of the parent app. I hope that this is helping you to be more aware of your child’s achievements and the homework that is being set. Announcements and letters are also being sent through this service and I would urge those that have not yet signed up to do so. We currently have 343 out of 495 pupils families registered.

With the weather beginning to change, we are starting to see some PE lessons affected. As a result, when we return from the half term break, pupils will return to using the PE changing rooms. All pupils have been asked to attend in school uniform every day and should, therefore, bring their PE kit in a bag. Please make sure that all PE kit and uniform is named.

Tutor Evenings are scheduled to take place on Thursday 25 November and Monday 29 November. These meetings are an opportunity for you to meet your child’s tutor and better understand their progress to date. Further details will follow after the half term break but please keep the dates free in your calendar.

With COVID continuing to make the news we remain grateful that our pupils, staff and families continue to follow the safe protocols in place. Year 7 and Year 8 pupils have been given more Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests for continued home use and I would urge all pupils to continue to test throughout the half term break, particularly on Sunday 31 October before returning to school. Should there be any further announcements during the holiday period we will communicate them as quickly as possible.

If you need to contact us at any time, please do so on [office@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk](mailto:office@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk) or visit our website [www.fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk](http://www.fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk)

Please remember that Friday 22 October is an INSET day and that school is closed to all pupils for staff training. I hope all our families have a restful and enjoyable half term break.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher



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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, Designated Safeguarding Deputies  
Alternatively, you can phone NPSCC: 0808 800 5000 Somerset Direct: 0300 123 2224