



Fairlands Middle School

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12 November 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

As we come to the end of our first 2 weeks back after the half term break, I wanted to share a few updates with all our families.

We were notified yesterday by the Director of Public Health in Somerset that schools should continue to risk assess the current measures that they have in place. Case rates continue to be low at Fairlands thanks to staff, pupils and families ensuring that the protocols are carefully followed and adhered to. From Monday, the following measures will remain in place:-

- Classroom tables and door handles will continue to be cleaned at the end of each lesson
- Staff, Year 7 and Year 8 pupils will continue to wear face coverings in indoor communal areas unless exempt. Our younger pupils are also welcome to do so
- All site users will continue to follow hand hygiene and sanitise before entry into every classroom
- All pupils using school transport will be required to wear a face covering
- Staff and pupils in Year 7 and Year 8 should continue to take a Lateral Flow Device test twice weekly. More testing packs will be given to the pupils next week

By following these protocols safely, we will be able to:

- Continue using PE changing rooms. This is well managed by the PE staff and means that pupils will see less weather disruption to their lessons
- Re-commence fixtures in consultation with other schools where outside space is used. Please be assured we will not visit other schools where case rates may limit this measure. When playing away and using the school minibus, pupils will be asked to wear a face covering
- Enable outside social spaces during break and lunchtime to be shared where spaces are large enough

Tutor Evenings are scheduled to take place on Thursday 25 November and Monday 29 November and will be run virtually. You should have received information on how to book these meetings. Please contact the school office on office@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk if you have not received details on how to do this.

Fundraising plans have been shared in separate communications regarding 'Children in Need' (Friday 19th November) and our FPTA donation scheme. I hope that families are able to support these important areas. We are very proud that one of ex pupils and a member of our school community is involved in the BBC Rickshaw Challenge this year.

Further to my previous letter, can I thank those families that have now signed up to Class Charts. We will be using this, together with ParentPay, as our primary communication tools. I would urge all families that have yet to do so to sign up to both of these packages.

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