

Wednesday 8th July 2020

Arrangements for September

Dear families,

We hope this letter finds you well. We wanted to start by thanking you all for your support and understanding during this very challenging time. As promised, we are writing to let you know the arrangements for September. Please be aware that the following information is based on the current guidance and the current situation. All of this is subject to change, depending on government advice. We will keep you informed of any changes.

Will my child be coming back to school?

Yes. The current guidance states that all children will start back in September, but that children are not allowed to mix outside of their year group. All children need to return to school on **Monday 7th September**.

Is school statutory from September?

School attendance will be statutory and the usual rules on school attendance will apply.

Will parents be allowed on site?

Unfortunately, in line with the government guidance, parents will not be allowed on site, other than to drop off at Breakfast club, or pick up from school. If you need to speak to the office team, please call or email. There will be a letter box outside the reception area for any paper work that needs returning. Parental involvement is very important to us, so we will be keeping this under review and will let you know when it is safe to welcome parents back in.

Will there be breakfast club and afterschool club?

Yes, but the provision will be different to what the children are used to due to current safety measures. As children are unable to mix with other year groups, there will be an allocated space for each year group in the hall at both clubs with some limited resources. At After School Club, each year group will have an allocated slot outside. As there will be less for the children to do, it is likely that we will show educational programmes too in the hall, like Deadly 60 and Horrible Histories.

The timings for breakfast club will remain the same (7:30, 7:45 and 8:00) and we will be able to provide breakfast for your child. Due to the cleaning regime, it is vital that children arrive on time and no later than 8:15am. If you need a space at Breakfast Club, please email Julie Moxey on jmoxey@fairlawnschool.net.

The timings for After School Club remain the same. If you require a place at After School Club, please email Michelle Pay on mpay@fairlawnschool.net as we are currently reviewing our waiting list.

When dropping off at Breakfast club, please enter through the main gate and bring your child up to the double doors that lead into the hall. Please drop your child off there and leave via the main gate.

When collecting from After School Club, please enter via the main gate and wait outside the double doors that lead to the hall. Your child will meet you outside.

Will there be other clubs?

For the autumn term, there will no internal or external clubs running. We will keep this under review.

What will the timings of the day be and how do we enter and exit the building?

To ensure that all children can enter and leave the building safely, and in line with government guidance, we have slightly staggered the start and end times of the day.

Please be aware that you will not be able to enter the playground with your children in the morning. Please drop them off at the entrance, where a member of the Senior Leadership Team will be waiting. The children will make their way straight to class. If you have siblings, please choose one of the time slots you have been given.

For this to work, it is vital that everyone arrives for their allocated slot on time – please do not be early or late.

For new reception parents, the phased induction time of 9:30 still stands for the first three days of school. From the 14th of September, their start time will be 9am. The times for the end of the day are as stated in the welcome pack until the week beginning the 21st when your child will be full-time. A separate letter will be sent to Reception parents next week detailing how the phased induction will work with parent access to the site being limited.

Please see the table below for your start/end time and the entrance/exit you should use.

Year	Start time	End time	Start of the day entrance and exit	End of the day entrance and exit.
Reception	From the 14 th of September: 9am	From the 21 st September: 3:30pm	Please drop your children at the top of the vehicle slope.	Please enter via the vehicle slope and collect your child from the reception outdoor area. Please leave via the main gate on the bottom playground.

Year 1	8:45am	3:15pm	Please drop your children at the top of the vehicle slope.	Please enter via the vehicle slope and collect your child from the Top playground. Please leave via the main gate on the bottom playground.
Year 2	8:45am	3:20pm	Please drop your child off at the main gate.	Please enter via the vehicle slope and collect your child from the Top playground. Please leave via the main gate on the bottom playground.
Year 3	8:50am	3:25pm	Please drop your children at the top of the vehicle slope.	Please enter via the vehicle slope and collect your child from the Top playground. Please leave via the main gate on the bottom playground.
Year 4	8:55am	3:30pm	Please drop your children at the top of the vehicle slope.	Please enter via the vehicle slope and collect your child from the Top playground. Please leave via the main gate on the bottom playground.
Year 5	8:50am	3:25pm	Please drop your child off at the main gate.	Please enter via the vehicle slope and collect your child from the bottom playground. Please leave via the main gate on the bottom playground.
Year 6	8:55am	3:30pm	Please drop your child off at the main gate.	Please enter via the vehicle slope and collect your child from the bottom playground. Please leave via the main gate on the bottom playground.

If collecting siblings, please do collect at the correct time and wait in the playground until you have collected all of your children.

To minimize the number of adults on site, please ensure only one adult comes to collect and that you leave the site as soon as you can.

Please be aware that these arrangements will be kept under review as we do not know how they will work until we try them out with the whole school.

What will happen at lunchtimes and playtimes?

Your child will have an outside break in the morning and an hour's break for lunch. If your child has a packed lunch, they will eat it either outside or in the classroom for half an hour and will get to play outside for half an hour.

Hot school dinners will still be served in the hall with allocated tables for year groups.

The playground will be split into sections and classes will be unable to mix during this time. Please be aware that equipment will also be limited, and there will be no contact sports.

Nursery and Reception children will use the Early Years outdoor areas during lunchtime.

What will happen if my child is unwell?

If your child displays symptoms of COVID-19 whilst in school, we will contact you to collect them. They will be isolated until they are collected.

It is vital that we have up-to-date contact details for you and that we are able to get hold of you during the day. If you need to update your contact details, please call or email the office.

The following is taken directly from the DFE guidance:

'Schools must ensure that staff members and parents/carers understand that they will need to be ready and willing to:

- [book a test](#) if they are displaying symptoms. Staff and pupils must not come into the school if they have symptoms, and must be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school.
- provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace
- [self-isolate](#) if they have been in close contact with someone who develops coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)

Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can and should get a test. Tests can be booked online through the NHS [testing and tracing for coronavirus website](#), or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet. Essential workers, which includes anyone involved in education or childcare, have priority access to testing.

Schools should ask parents and staff to inform them immediately of the results of a test:

- if someone tests negative, if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating. They could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu – in which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better. Other members of their household can stop self-isolating.*
- if someone tests positive, they should follow the [‘stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection’](#) and must continue to self-isolate for at least 7 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 7-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days*

What will happen if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 in school?

If somebody within the school community test positive for COVID-19, we will contact our local health protection team, in line with the DFE guidance. This team will also contact us if it becomes apparent that someone who has tested positive has attended school – as identified by NHS Test and Trace.

The health protection team will confirm who has been in close contact with the person during the period that they were infectious, and ensure they are asked to self-isolate for 14 days.

In terms of other household members, this passage is taken directly from the DFE guidance:

‘Household members of those contacts who are sent home do not need to self-isolate themselves unless the child, young person or staff member who is self-isolating subsequently develops symptoms. If someone in a class or group that has been asked to self-isolate develops symptoms themselves within their 14-day isolation period they should follow [‘stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection’](#). They should get a test, and:

- if the test delivers a negative result, they must remain in isolation for the remainder of the 14-day isolation period. This is because they could still develop the coronavirus (COVID-19) within the remaining days.*
- if the test result is positive, they should inform their setting immediately, and must isolate for at least 7 days from the onset of their symptoms (which could mean the self-isolation ends before or after the original 14-day isolation period). Their household should self-isolate for at least 14 days from when the symptomatic person first had symptoms, following [‘stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection’](#)”*

What happens if my child has to self-isolate?

If your child is well, but has to self-isolate, we will provide them with learning to do at home. This learning will be in line with the learning that is happening in the classroom. Please be aware that we will not be offering face-to-face online teaching as all teachers will still be teaching in school.

What happens if there is a local lockdown?

In the case of a local lockdown, where all year groups are sent home, we hope to remain open for key workers' children. All other children will receive online lessons from their class teachers which will follow our curriculum. Keyworkers' children will access these lessons from a computer at school.

Attendance to these will be compulsory. In September, we will send home more details regarding the expectations around online learning in the event of a lockdown.

Will school trips still go ahead?

Unfortunately, there will be no school trips for the first half of the autumn term. We will keep this under review as we are keen to get trips up and running as soon as we possibly can.

Currently, the school journey for the current Year 5 that has been postponed, will still go ahead. If this changes, we will communicate with those who are due to attend.

What curriculum changes will there be?

We will continue to offer a broad and balanced curriculum at Fairlawn. As always, we will use our ongoing assessments of our children to inform our planning and to ensure that any gaps are swiftly addressed.

Unfortunately, due to the current guidelines, we will be unable to teach singing or contact sports. Music lessons may be impacted as the guidance recommends that children avoid playing brass and wind instruments.

We are pleased to say that Forest School will continue as usual.

We have been working on a Recovery Curriculum to ensure that we have a focus on physical and mental wellbeing when the children return to school.

We will be using the outcomes from the children's survey to inform our planning in September, so please do complete this with your child if you haven't done so already. You can find the link on the most recent learning letter.

Sadly, we will be unable to have any assemblies, or productions until further notice, although Ms Milner has some ideas regarding virtual alternatives!

Our meet the teacher event will go ahead virtually at the start of the year where you will receive more information regarding the curriculum.

What will the classrooms look like?

The DFE guidance has stipulated that children should sit in rows in their classrooms. Due to the nature of the environment in the Early Years and in Year 1, the children will not be sitting in rows in these year groups and there will be a degree of sharing resources. All other year groups will be set up in rows until the guidance changes.

At the beginning of September, the children will receive a video from their new class teacher giving them a tour of their new classroom and the route they will take as they enter school in the morning.

Children will not share pens, pencils or mini whiteboards.

What additional safety measures are in place?

Children will be expected to wash their hands thoroughly throughout the day.

There will be an enhanced cleaning regime throughout the school.

We appreciate that this is a lot of information to take in but hope that it gives you a good idea of what school will look like in September. If there are any changes over the summer, we will of course keep you informed. We will also be in touch in September with any further details you need in order to have a smooth start to the year.

We wish you all a happy and safe summer, and we are so looking forward to seeing you all back in September.

Best wishes.



Hania Ryans
Headteacher