

Tuesday 3rd November 2020

Re: Keeping safe during the lockdown

Dear Fairlawn families,

As you are all aware, the government has announced a four week lockdown starting on Thursday 5th of November.

We are delighted that schools will remain open during this time, but wanted to take this opportunity to remind you of some things we can do to make sure we stay safe throughout this next phase.

Parent Volunteers

In order to limit the number of adults on site, we are unfortunately not able to accommodate volunteers for forest school at the moment. We will keep this under review.

Face Masks

To help to keep our community safe, please may we ask you to wear a face covering when dropping off and picking up your child. **From Thursday 5th November, all staff on the gates will be wearing face coverings.**

Social distancing

Please remember to maintain social distancing whilst on the premises and to leave the premises as quickly as possible. Please also be mindful of standing on the pavement outside school and talking to other parents; this can cause congestion and make it difficult for others to maintain social distancing.

Time keeping

Please ensure that you stick to your drop off and pick up time to help ease congestion.

Ventilation

An important part of our COVID risk assessment is keeping the classes well ventilated. This means that, regardless of the weather, the doors and windows will be open. Please ensure that your child comes to school with layers on so that they can stay warm throughout the day.

Playground equipment

We have noticed that children have been playing with the playground equipment at the start and end of the school day. This equipment must not be touched by others as it is used by our bubbles. Please ensure your children and any siblings are supervised whilst in the playground

Appropriate clothing

We are really keen for the children to play outside, whatever the weather. As rain is very likely at the moment, please ensure your child comes to school appropriately dressed for the weather. Hooded raincoats and waterproof shoes mean they can play comfortably outside, even in the rain.

Attendance

Please be aware that school is mandatory for all school-aged children.

If your child is considered clinically vulnerable or clinically extremely vulnerable, you may wish to contact your child's GP to discuss whether additional safety measures need to be put in place to ensure it is safe for them to attend school.

If, after speaking with their GP, you decide that your child will need additional safety measures in place to attend school safely, e.g. wearing a face covering, please contact the school office.

Suspected Coronavirus

Please remain vigilant for symptoms of coronavirus.

If anyone in your household becomes unwell with a new and persistent cough or a high temperature, or has a loss of, or change in, their normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), you must not come to the school, but stay at home. You must then follow '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)', which sets out that they should self-isolate for at least 10 days and should [arrange to have a test](#) to see if they have coronavirus (COVID-19).

Please notify the school office via telephone as soon as possible if your child, or somebody in your household, is showing symptoms of coronavirus and your child cannot come into school.

All pupils, and members of their households, will be able to access a test if they are displaying symptoms of coronavirus.

There is information about how you can access a test on the NHS website:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/>. You can also call NHS 119.

If your child is sent home from school with symptoms and subsequently takes a test, you must inform the school of the results as soon as possible. Please email the result to admin@fairlawn.lewisham.sch.uk

If the test is negative, your child can return to school when they feel better. If the test is positive, your household will need to continue the self-isolation period.

Encouraging good hygiene

Please ensure your child washes their hands before they leave for school and after they return home.

Please support your child with understanding the importance of infection control, good hygiene, and social distancing.

Contingency Plans for Outbreaks

In the event of a year group having to isolate due to a confirmed case of COVID 19, we will switch to online learning. If a positive case was confirmed at school, we would follow advice from Public Health and would keep you informed every step of the way. If your child is self-isolating, we will provide you with learning for this period.

Breakfast Club and After School Club

These clubs will continue as normal.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support and cooperation during these difficult times. We understand that a lockdown may present many challenges for some families; if there is anything we can do to help, please just ask.

Many thanks,

Hania Ryans

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