



# FAIRVIEW P.S.

## Child Protection / Safeguarding

Please remember that if you have any concerns about your own child or another child outside school, as well as in, you should share these concerns with:

### Mrs Burns

(Designated Teacher for Child Protection and Safeguarding)  
or

### Mr McAllister/Miss Earls

(Deputy Designated Teachers)  
or

### Mrs Matthews

The Child Protection Policy can be accessed on the school website or via the school office.

## Attendance 2019/20

As a school we pride ourselves on our pupils' excellent attendance. Despite the impact of COVID-19 before we went to a full closure, the attendance rate for 2019/20 was still a very impressive 96.1%. The most up to date rates for Northern Ireland (2017/18 year) was 94.2%. Therefore we remain well above the average.

103 pupils had 100% full attendance last year. Those pupils will receive a certificate early next week in recognition of this. Well done boys and girls!

## Diary Dates 2020

P1 pupils in until 1.30pm	Monday, 5th October
School nurses in to administer the Flu Vaccine	Wednesday, 7th - Friday, 9th October
AQE registration closes at 4pm	Friday, 9th October

## Reading and Homework

We are planning to resume reading and homework for our pupils in P2 - P6 next week. Please check in with your child's teacher on Seesaw to see how this is going to work for your child.

We look forward to you being able to engage with your child and to support them with their learning at home.

Thank you to all those parents who have signed into Seesaw. This is how we will communicate with you if your child needs to isolate at home. For pupils in P1-P4, this platform will be used to provide work and support homeworks, while pupils in P5-P7 will use Google Classroom.

## AQE Information

As promised, you will find below a link for the AQE information PowerPoint. This is the presentation we would have shared with you if we had been able to hold our information session. Please do contact me if you have any concerns around the process, at any stage. We will keep you posted if we receive any further information as the term progresses. Your class teacher will have sent you the password for the link.

[www.fairviewps.co.uk/principal-message/](http://www.fairviewps.co.uk/principal-message/)

## Symptoms Reminder

Your child should not be in school if they are displaying any of the following symptoms:

- A new and persistent cough
- A high temperature
- A loss of taste or smell

Thank you to you all for your help, support and understanding so far this term!

## **Newsletter**

For now, the newsletter will move to being shared with you fortnightly. With a much 'quieter' school day at present, we will share information with you every two weeks from today. Staff will share via SeeSaw any notes or more urgent information.

### **Water in School**

Thank you to all those parents who have been sending water into school each day! Drinking water is an important part of our healthy eating policy and it keeps all our pupils well hydrated! If your child wants a drink of juice rather than water during the day, then we would ask you to pack an extra drink for lunchtime only. Thanks for your co-operation.

### **Mindfulness Training**

As part of our recovery curriculum, we have been thinking about Mindfulness in P7. We are delighted to partner with Ballyclare High School in this project and Mr Thompson from BHS has been up with us a couple of times already.

At its most basic level, mindfulness trains our attention to be more aware of what is actually happening, rather than worrying about what has happened or what might happen. This helps us to not only appreciate what is going well but to respond more skilfully in the here and now to life's inevitable challenges. With AQE coming up and transition to Post Primary not far away, our Primary 7 year group will find this training most useful.

"I have found getting into my own bubble when I am worried or stressed a useful technique. We have learnt about the prefrontal cortex in the brain and how that helps us to make choices, and make the right choices!"

Rebecca Stevenson P7McA

### **Blitz Day**

We would normally be having our Blitz Day in school about now but unfortunately restrictions mean this will not be possible, at least as it normally happens! This year, Blitz Day will focus on the pupils and staff as we encourage everyone to take pride in our school. All classes will be involved in some tasks during the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> October. There has been so much outdoor learning going on and this will be another opportunity to get our pupils outside into the fresh air, working together in classes and learning a bit about the world around them. We will get more details to you next week as pupils will need welly boots and gloves for their allocated sessions.