



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.

Child Protection Policy

All parents (P2-7) will receive along with this email a copy of the school's Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy for 2020/21. Primary 1 pupils will have received their copy as part of their induction pack.

Please do read the document and familiarise yourself with our policy and procedures. If you need to access the policy at any time during the school year you can do so via the school website or by requesting a copy from the school office.

Diary Dates 2020

All pupils from P2-7 in school

Tuesday, 1st September

Welcome Back

'Welcome back' to all our pupils! As our banner at the front of the school says, 'We have missed you!'

It has been a super first week back for all our pupils and staff. We have loved seeing smiling, happy faces coming into school each morning and truly, we have been so impressed at how well even our youngest ones coped with returning to school after an absence of 5 months! A special word of 'well done' to our P7s who have now completed a full week back...they will be exhausted!

I want to say a special word of thanks to all the staff who have returned to school to take on new routines and procedures and in turn have been able to convey these to our children in such a calm and reassuring way!

Thank you also to you, the parents, for the way you not only brought your child to school at the allotted time but for socially distancing any time you were on school grounds. Your respect for school requests and for each other was evident.

I am under no illusions that these are very early days and there will be many bumps along the way for our whole school community. Some of our requests will at times be challenging, but I know you will accept that everything we are doing is to ensure safety for all our pupils and staff as much as we possibly can.

I have included a reminder of timings for Tuesday morning. Older siblings may come with younger ones. It is vital that you bring your child to school during your 10 minute slot. Timing will be everything for the foreseeable future and we appreciate you working with us to ensure a smooth running, as much as possible, with our school day.

I wish everyone a good term ahead. Whilst things are not totally the same for any of us, Fairview is still the same happy, supportive and encouraging school as it was and I know all our children will continue to thrive and do their best.

Drop Off Times from Tuesday 1st September

Primary 2 - 8.45am - 8.55am

Primary 3 - 8.45am - 8.55am

Primary 4 - 8.55am - 9.05am

Primary 5 - 9.05am - 9.15am

Primary 6 - 8.55am - 9.05am

Primary 7 - 9.05am - 9.15am

Please remember to check the Parental Guidance if you are unsure of where your child goes to on Tuesday morning. There will be plenty of staff on the ground to point your child in the right direction if they are unsure. Remember to drop off and leave as quickly as possible. Parents should not be beyond the drop off point at the mobile classroom block. Thank you

Recovery Curriculum

As a school, we always prioritise the emotional health and mental well being of our children. This year it is more important than ever. Our staff have been engaged in training linked to the "Recovery Curriculum", focusing on how we can ensure our pupils settle back into school life and adapt to our 'new normal.' We know that our children are returning with a varied range of experiences and we recognise that some of our children have suffered losses throughout this period of lockdown. Therefore, we want to take this time to support children:

- To rebuild positive relationships with others
- To explore their feelings and emotions
- To once again find joy in learning and celebrate their achievements
- To support their physical health and well being

Children will be given the opportunity to discuss any worries they may have on return to school and ask those questions they feel they need answers to. Our new routines will be modelled and the reasons as to why we have these new routines will also be explained. Children in the foundation stage will continue to sit in groups but from P3 – P7 children will sit facing forwards in rows. The rooms are well ventilated with doors and windows open. At times, staff may wear masks if working with a pupil to explain a tricky concept or when caring for a sick child. There will be some pupils who will choose to wear masks in class.

You may wish to watch this clip with your child as it answers, in a child friendly way, some of the questions they may have about returning to school: <https://vimeo.com/451890725>

As you are aware, children will both sanitise and wash their hands frequently throughout the school day, especially before and after eating. They will move around school following a one way system and will remain within their class bubble. While social distancing measures are in place, staff will ensure that your child's needs are still met. These new routines will take time to embed.

At the beginning of the year, our time will be spent focusing on re-establishing relationships and friendships and exploring emotions linked to our experiences over the last 6 months in a sensitive and age appropriate way. Staff will revisit and revise concepts to ensure children have a sound understanding before progressing onto new concepts. We will continue to share your child's work via SeeSaw, therefore please ensure you sign up as soon as you receive your learning QR code.

We know that there are many changes within society due to COVID but please be reassured our care and joy in teaching your child has not changed. We know that for some children, they may not be able to return to school at present and we hope to be able to support these pupils through our use of SeeSaw, details of which will have been discussed with Mrs Matthews or Mr McAllister. Support will be provided for those children that need time to adjust to the return to school. As parents we hope you feel reassured now that your child has had their first day in school. Please do get in touch with Mrs Burns if you have any pastoral concerns.

We are so excited to welcome your child back to school on Tuesday.