



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.

Holiday - Update

Due to current restrictions the staff training day which had been scheduled for Friday 25th September will now no longer take place. Therefore all pupils will be in school as usual on that date.

You will receive a new holiday list along with this newsletter. There will now be a full week off at the end of May from Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June (inclusive). Please note carefully changes at the end of May.

Diary Dates 2020

P1 pupils visit class teacher as per arranged appointment	Monday, 7th - Friday 11th September
P1 pupils start their sessions	Monday, 14th September
AQE registration closes at 4pm	Friday, 9th October

First Full Week

As we reach the end of our first week of attendance for all pupils I would like to commend pupils and parents on how well our arrivals and dismissals have been going. By adhering to allowed arrival times, pupils are arriving in an orderly non-congested way making it a really positive experience for all!

The staff have been so impressed at how well our pupils are adapting to new routines during the school day. Parents, you would be very proud of your child! They are listening well to all adults and are respectful of the new systems in place! Well done to all our pupils.

The children have all returned looking very smart in their uniforms and I know this will continue. A gentle reminder that for anyone with a piercing from the summer should look at removing the earrings as soon as possible. The plasters are to be used as a temporary measure until the earrings can be removed. Thank you for your co-operation with this aspect of our school uniform.

Staff News

I would like to share with you some staff news.

Mrs Beck recently gave birth to a little baby girl. Both mum and daughter are doing well and we wish her and her husband all the best for the future with their new addition.

Mr Emerson was married over the summer and we wish him and his new wife many happy years together.

Mrs Reid has moved to be a Teaching Assistant in a Special School and we wish her all the best. We have four new staff members. Mrs, Davis, Mrs Close, Miss Craig and Mrs Lannie have all joined the staff and we look forward to working alongside them in the coming weeks and months.

Advice to Parents from the Public Health Agency

We will be regularly reminding parents in our newsletter of symptoms to be mindful of as well as sharing with you any updated information around advice from the Public Health Agency. The three symptoms we all need to be aware of are:

- High Temperature
- New, persistent cough
- Loss of taste or smell

If your child has any of the above they **must not** attend school and advice should be sought from the Public Health Agency around being tested for COVID-19. If your child develops any of the above symptoms in school you will be asked to collect them. It is therefore really important that the school has an up-to-date number for you and one which we can easily contact you on.

If your child is tested, they must remain at home until the results are obtained. Please ensure you email the results through to us for our records. These will be kept confidential.

Please remember that it is vital you have plans in place for child care at this time. If a child or adult in the 'bubble' tests positive, the whole class will be out of school to self isolate for a period of time. Remote learning would also begin for pupils in a 'bubble' having to remain at home. If this is the case, the school will advise you and communicate with you throughout. We will be liaising with the PHA and Education Authority and the infected classroom or areas will be given a deep clean.

Please continue to email Lisa if your child is sick and not attending school. All absence notes should also be emailed through to her. lcaldwell474@c2kni.net

AQE Update

As you will all have heard on the media this week, the Department of Education has determined that the AQE exams will be delayed until January 2021. Normally at this time of the year you would be invited in to hear of the AQE process and your child's P7 year. I plan to share the same information with you but in a video format in the next week or two. With the delay to the first test, there has also been an extension to the registration date. It will not now close until Friday, 9th October.

Food Allergy Prevention

We currently have a number of children attending the school who suffer from severe allergic reactions to certain food products, in particular nuts. We would ask you to be mindful of this when sending snacks into school.

We do not use nuts or nut-based products in the school kitchen, and we would be grateful if parents would also avoid sending children to school with food or snacks which contain nuts. Your co-operation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Please ensure all medication is sent into school and replace medication before expiry.

Free School Meals & School Uniform Allowance

The application process for the above entitlements has started. I would encourage parents to visit <https://www.eani.org.uk/financial-help/free-school-meals-school-uniform-allowance> to determine if you are eligible for this support. Not only do families benefit but the Fairview School budget from the Government is increased for every child who registers for this allowance. Even if your child does not want a school meal the Uniform Allowance is still available and our school benefits. If you have any queries please ring the office and Lisa can advise you.