



FAIRFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Gallowbarrow
Cockermouth
Cumbria
CA13 0DX

Head teacher: Mr C Steele
Telephone: 01900 821133
Fax: 01900 821132
E-mail: head@fairfieldprimary.co.uk
Web: www.fairfieldprimary.co.uk

17th December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have finally reached the end of what has been a very challenging term. We returned to school in September working in a very different way to usual. With all of the advised COVID measures in place (and more), we have tried so very hard to make the school safe yet welcoming and fun for children.

The measures and our systems have been stretched to the limit over that last few weeks as we have dealt with an outbreak of COVID-19 within the school community. I am very proud of all of the staff here and how they have adapted to the changes, responded to the challenges and all the while, given everything to help the children. I cannot thank or praise them enough for how they have managed throughout this stressful time.

Every decision made and action taken in response to COVID-19 is done so with a well-informed, methodical approach and with the support and direction of the Public Health Team. Some of the decisions and challenges faced could be reduced with further consideration of actions by the you - the wider school community. The Public Health protection team are very supportive of our approaches and I have attached a letter from them asking for further support from members of the community. Please read this carefully.

School will close at the normal time on Friday 18th December. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back into school on Tuesday 5th January (0840 – 0900) for the start of the new term.

If your child develops symptoms within 48 hours of leaving school on Friday, there could be an implication on their contacts within school and it is our role to trace those contacts. It is absolutely vital that, if your child develops symptoms within the 48 hours of leaving school and they then are tested that you email me on COVIDtests@fairfieldprimary.co.uk. This will be checked daily until December 24th.



Where a pupil tests positive for COVID-19, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours after last being in school, the school should not be contacted. Instead, parents and carers should follow NHS Track and Trace instructions.

There is a chance that positive cases following the end of the school term will track back and have an implication on groups and staff in school. If this is the case, I will communicate with those affected via email following discussions with the Public Health team. I have everything crossed that I don't have to get in touch!

In addition, if your child is isolating when we are returning, please contact the email address above to inform us of their isolation dates.

This Christmas is going to be a bit different to normal for everybody but I truly hope you all get time to relax, switch off and enjoy some family time together. I would however, strongly urge you to consider the tier and national restrictions throughout the break to minimise the impact on our school and the wider community at the start of the new term.

I wish you a very Merry Christmas and let's hope for a wonderful 2021!

Yours sincerely




Mr C J Steele
Headteacher



TIER 2

HIGH ALERT

FROM 2 DEC

MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY  <p>No mixing of households indoors, apart from support bubbles. Maximum of six outdoors.</p>	BARNS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS  <p>Pubs and bars must close, unless operating as restaurants. Hospitality venues can only serve alcohol with substantial meals. Venues must stop taking orders at 10pm and must close by 11pm.</p>	RETAIL  <p>Open.</p>	WORK AND BUSINESS  <p>Everyone who can work from home should do so.</p>
EDUCATION  <p>Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open. Childcare, other supervised activities for children, and childcare bubbles permitted.</p>	INDOOR LEISURE  <p>Open.</p>	ACCOMMODATION  <p>Open.</p>	PERSONAL CARE  <p>Open.</p>
OVERNIGHT STAYS  <p>Permitted with household or support bubble.</p>	WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS  <p>15 guests for weddings, civil partnerships, wedding receptions and wakes; 30 for funerals.</p>	ENTERTAINMENT  <p>Open.</p>	PLACES OF WORSHIP  <p>Open, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.</p>
TRAVELLING  <p>Reduce the number of journeys you make and walk or cycle if possible. Avoid busy times and routes on public transport. Avoid car sharing with those outside of your household or support bubble. Avoid entering a Tier 3 area, other than where necessary such as for work or education. Further exemptions apply.</p>	EXERCISE  <p>Classes and organised adult sport can take place outdoors, but cannot take place indoors if there is any interaction between people from different households. Organised activities for elite athletes, under-18s and disabled people can continue.</p>	RESIDENTIAL CARE  <p>COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits. Outdoor/airtight visits only (rollout of rapid testing will enable indoor visits including contact).</p>	LARGE EVENTS  <p>Sport, live performances and business meetings limited to 50% capacity or 2000 people outdoors (whichever is lower) and 50% capacity or 1000 people indoors (whichever is lower)</p>

Find out what support you can get

For example, if you're out of work, need to get food, or want to take care of your mental health.

[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

If you have any coronavirus symptoms:

A high temperature • A new, continuous cough
A loss of, or change to, your sense of smell or taste.

Get a test and stay at home

For more information and detailed guidance visit:
[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

