



## FAIRFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the most recent announcement regarding the easing of COVID-19 lockdown measures, we are very much looking forward to welcoming all children back into school from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

We are very keen to have the children back in school in order to support their social and emotional needs, work with them on their academic targets, allow them to re-connect with school and continue with social interactions with their peers. We managed this with great success following the last extended school closure and have sound plans in place to ensure this to happens again.

In order to ensure that the return to school is as safe as possible, we have consulted the updated guidance for schools, liaised with our Health & Safety Consultant and have reviewed our risk assessments (a full up-to-date version will be available on the website very soon). We have a system of controls in place within school to that ensure that we minimise the risk of transmission. This includes operating a strict group system and minimising crossover. Many of the control measures have been in place since September and will continue. In addition, all staff are now undergoing LFD testing twice weekly and all adults in school will be wearing face-coverings when it is not possible to maintain a sufficient distance between people, including when teaching in classrooms.

We are confident in our control measures and continually review the protocols and risk assessments. It is essential that we have the support of parents at home. If your child shows symptoms of COVID-19 (a new continuous cough, a temperature or a change to/loss of sense of taste and smell) please ensure your child gets tested and the entire household stays at home until the test result is known.

In addition, if any of our staff or pupils tests positive for COVID-19, please be aware that public health may advise us to ask pupils to get tested and isolate with a wider range of symptoms, including: headache, diarrhoea, severe fatigue and sore throat. I will let all parents and carers know immediately if we need to do this.



I realise that there may be some anxiety around the school return at the moment. I can reassure you that we work very hard on ensuring we implement all of the advised control measures fully in order to minimise the risk as much as possible.

Attendance at school from the 8<sup>th</sup> March is mandatory. The guidance states that it is the 'parents' duty to secure their child's regular attendance at school (where the child is a registered pupil at school and they are of compulsory school age) and schools are required to report attendance as per normal.' Low and unauthorised attendance has to be reported to the local authority. If a child is in receipt of a shielding letter, we will continue to support the child with their learning in line with the advice of their clinician.

Timings for the school day remain the same from March 8<sup>th</sup>; the drop off period is between 0840 – 0900; the pick-up times are noted at the end of the letter. Please ensure that only one adult does drop off and collection, face coverings are worn (unless medically exempt) and that social distancing guidelines are adhered to. Please do not allow children to mix at drop offs/collections and do not socialise on the school grounds.

As has always been the case, it is essential that we (as a nation) adhere firmly to all of the guidance away from school to help reduce transmission. Please ensure that you play your part and act in accordance with the clear government guidance throughout the upcoming phases of the roadmap to lockdown easing.

As we look ahead with optimism into the Summer term, we will be focusing on recovery, re-engagement and the continuation of the wonderful, hands-on and engaging academic curriculum we offer for all pupils. All formal assessments (EYFS profile, Phonics Screening Check, KS1 & KS2 SATS) have been cancelled for this academic year. We are looking forward to seeing the children back in school, happy and enjoying all of what we can offer. We will hopefully be in a position to bring back further elements of wider school-life such as after-school clubs, transitional work etc after the Easter break.

As always, we are here to support and talk to our families so please get in touch if you need any help prior to the re-start and please keep up the great work with remote education over the next week.

Yours sincerely



Mr C J Steele  
Headteacher



**Collection Times:**

<b>Year Group</b>	<b>Drop Off time</b>	<b>Pick up time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Nursery	0840-0900	12:00/15:00	Lower Building Gate
Reception		15:10	Middle Gallowbarrow Entrance (HH) & Green Gate (KK)
Year 1		15:15	Lower Building Door
Year 2		15:20	Key Stage 1 Main Door
Year 3		15:30	KS2 Site
Year 4		15:20	KS2 Site
Year 5		15:20	KS2 Playground
Year 6		15:30	KS2 Playground

