

FAIRFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are now entering the final few weeks of the academic year and we are in the process of developing plans for a number of different scenarios for school opening in September. We are also working on plans for the remaining weeks of the academic. I have outlined the plans below.

In the short term (the next 4 weeks) we are planning the following:

- Continuing with our home schooling provision as it stands and continuing to add more instructional videos to assist with supporting children/families at home. We are exploring and trialing the possibility of video contacts.
- Working on the transition programme for Year 6 (where possible).
- Continuing to work with our returning year groups (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 6) in school on a daily basis under the strict guidance, keeping everybody as safe as possible.
- Inviting the children from non-returning year groups (Year 2-5) to engage in some active sessions on the school field. We believe it is important to prioritise the social and emotional wellbeing of pupils over the next few weeks and reach out to those pupils who have not been invited back. (*This is subject to a finalised risk assessment and more information about this will be sent out over the coming days.*)

Our longer term plans include exploring options for the different eventualities in September:

- A full re-opening Should we be given the green light to fully re-open in September, we will have plans in place for the return to school along with as many of our extended services as possible.
- A partial re-opening In the event of a partial re-opening, we will act in accordance with the guidance given at the time and explore all options for having contact with as many pupils as possible. This could involve a blend of home and in-school working.
- Full Closure In the event of another full closure in the future, we are working on plans to extend our home learning provision to provide more opportunity for digital face-to-face engagement, where possible.

I fully understand the challenges of home schooling children. Many of you are supporting children whilst also trying to work from home. Thank you for all of your efforts so far and thank you for your feedback and support over recent weeks. Over the coming week we will be sending out a survey to ask for your feedback on the home-learning provision and this will help us to develop our plans.



At some point today you will have received your child's end of year report through either Dojo Portfolio or Tapestry. The end of year reports are slightly different this year due to the prolonged closure but it is important to reflect on the time we have spent with the children this year and their achievements.

In readiness for September, you might wish to order new uniform and Border embroideries are now accepting orders. It can be ordered at the following link:

https://www.border-embroideries.co.uk/schools/fairfield-primary-school.html

Please have your orders delivered to your home address as we are minimising deliveries and visitors to the school site at the present time.

Yours sincerely

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