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Dear Parents and Carers,

In preparation for September, we wanted to share with you our revised plans. Please note:
GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE MAY CHANGE DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Hopefully, this is what will happen...

Alteration to COVID routine	What this means in practice
Staggered start and finish times	We are hopeful that from September, we will no longer have to have staggered times. All children will start school at 8.45am and finish at 3.30pm. We are fortunate to have a large playground and several entrances to use. Masks will not be compulsory for parents but you may still wish to wear one out of courtesy to others.
Cleaning rotas	Our cleaning team will continue to ensure the school is clean and safe. Until guidance changes, this will include increased regular cleaning of high touch points such as door handles and light switches.
Class PODs/Bubbles	Bubbles will stop and children will be able to socialise with other classes at breaks and lunchtimes. We will still have playground 'zones' for different activities – both calm and active.
Social distancing of TA	Teaching assistants will be able to work more closely with the children they are supporting.
Use of stationery	School will continue to provide children with pens, pencils to avoid bringing additional equipment into school.
Bags	Children may bring a bag to carry their books, lunch and water bottle – but please avoid very large rucksacks!
Temperature Checks	Children will not routinely have their temperature checked in school, however if we are concerned that a child is unwell, we will carry out a check with a 'non-contact' thermometer.
Assembly	We are planning to hold Year Group Assemblies and where appropriate include 'virtual assemblies' too.
Marking books	Marking of books will be proportionate and manageable. Children will still be able to self-mark where possible (for example in maths) and verbal feedback will still be provided. Teachers will continue to use the ink stamp symbols instead of/ alongside written feedback.
Curriculum	Our curriculum will return to normal and we will continue to give the children broad and balanced access to all national curriculum subjects. Every child, every week, will work with a specialist Spanish teacher, Music teacher and Computing teacher in addition to their class teacher.
Breaktime	Children will be able to socialise together and use the outdoor play equipment. Rotas will remain (as they did before COVID) so that all classes get a chance to play on the equipment.
Lunchtime	Initially, lunches will still be eaten on our school site, but during the Autumn Term we hope to be able to use the Infant canteen. Children will have to pay £2.40 through SchoolMoney and parents should regularly top up their accounts, unless they are entitled to a free school meal.
Pupil handwashing times	Children will still be encouraged to wash their hands regularly during the school day and especially before meals.
Online learning continuation	If a child or whole class needs to isolate or if there is a local lockdown, we will continue to provide work via SeeSaw. Teachers will provide feedback and will facilitate a class 'get-together' through zoom if a full class is isolating.



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Parent communication	We will continue to communicate via Teachers2Parents for general matters and via the school email address schooloffice@forefieldjuniors.co.uk if parents have individual enquiries. We ask that everyone still communicates via email whenever possible rather than sending physical letters into school. Electronic communication is easiest by far. Parents' Evenings to discuss children's progress will be conducted face-to-face in the week beginning 18/10/21 – however video conferencing will be used if guidance changes. More details will be shared closer to the time.
Office traffic	We still ask that parents email where possible or telephone when email is not an option. We want to try to avoid pre-COVID queues in the foyer. We will retain our 'drop box' and 'lost property box' in the entrance as they have proved themselves useful!
Borrowing reading books	Children will be allowed to borrow school reading book and we will no longer have to quarantine books before they are borrowed by another child.
Test and Trace	If staff or children display symptoms of COVID-19, they must still remain at home and book a PCR test. While the results of testing are awaited, the class can remain in school. If the result is negative, the child or staff member can return to school straight away. If the test is positive, close contacts will be asked to have a PCR test. Work will be provided via SeeSaw for any children needing to isolate.
Extra-Curricular Clubs	We are looking forward to being able to offer extra-curricular school clubs. These will be run by external providers (such as judo, fencing, archery) alongside teacher-led clubs (such as football, netball). Different clubs will be on offer throughout the year to enrich our curriculum.
Uniform/Games kit	All children should follow our uniform policy and ensure that they are PROUD to be Forefield every day. However, children, parents and teachers have enjoyed the benefits of wearing their games kit to school on their 'games days' – the children have been comfortable, they haven't forgotten their kit and they have had more time to enjoy their PE/Games lessons as a result.
Local trips	We will now able to take the children on school trips to enhance their learning. We will hopefully be able to offer all our usual visits based on the curriculum in your child's year group.
Other curriculum changes	Contact sports can take place in PE and in music, singing can be resumed. All of our pupils will learn to play an instrument.
End of Year Assessment	Currently, Year 6 SATs will take place in May 2022 as usual. Year 4 will complete a multiplication tables check in June 2022.

I'm sure it will take time to adapt to the changes. Half of our school community have not experienced pre-covid FJS, so a 'return to normal' will be a change for many.

As I have previously noted, the children are often far more resilient than the grown-ups and I'm sure there will have to be 'tweaks' to our plans at some stage.

If the government guidance changes during the summer, we will let you know!

Thanks, as always, for your support,

P A Swift