



16 July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Myself and Mr Passingham really enjoyed meeting the Year 4 pupils at the recent virtual meetings and we look forward to welcoming them all on Monday 7 September. In view of the current crisis, plans have been put in place and the school will operate differently in September.

This letter outlines the following arrangements:

- Pupil preparation for joining Fairlands
- Procedures for arriving and leaving school
- Break & lunch arrangements
- Changes to school layout and curriculum
- Staffing update
- Tutor groups for next year

Pupils should wear their school uniform daily, apart from the days when they are timetabled to have PE. On these days they need to wear appropriate PE kit for the day. I would also ask all families to ensure that each child has a fully equipped pencil case, which will be left at school at the end of each day. This pencil case must contain:

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| • Blue/black handwriting pen | red pen |
| • Pencils (2B and 4B to also use in art) | eraser |
| • Sharpener | ruler |
| • Glue stick | scissors |
| • Highlighter | whiteboard pen |
| • Protractor | calculator |

A small bottle of hand sanitiser gel can be brought to school for pupils' personal use and should be kept in their bags until needed. Hand sanitiser will be available outside every classroom and pupils will use before entering the room.

Locker keys will not be issued at the start of the year, so pupils will need to bring everything they need for the day in a decent sized bag, which will be placed on the floor beside their work space each day. Mobile phones cannot be handed in and must be kept turned off in their bags.

I would ask all families to sign up for ParentPay. This is our online payment method as well as our email system for school communications and letters. This will also prevent the need for pupils to bring cash into school. We are also looking into whether the accounts already set up with the First Schools can be transferred over.

Pupils will be directed towards the school hall through the main entrance on the first day. From here they will be guided by a member of staff to their tutor room. During the course of the day, pupils will be shown how to get to the bottom playground to meet here from the Tuesday onwards. Pupils will be dismissed from the bottom playground at the end of the day.

We would politely request that all parents say farewell to their children in a social distancing way at the school gate unless an agreement has been made where a pupil cannot access the site unsupported. Members of staff will be on hand to guide the children.



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All pupils on school or public transport should wear a face covering throughout their journey.

Break times and lunchtimes (slightly extended) will take place with social distancing measures and allocated districts in place for each year group. Break time snacks will not be provided until it is safer to do so, so I would encourage all families to ensure your child has had breakfast before leaving home, as well as bringing a water bottle and snack to school. School dinners will recommence, with only a year group in the hall at a time and cleaning taking place before the next year group enters. Contrary to previous arrangements, pupils with packed lunches will be directed to eat outside in their district area.

School will be structured into 4 "districts" with each district operating as a year group bubble. Staff will move between these districts to teach and support pupils, but the pupils will only move around classrooms within their bubble. The Year 5 district will be in the Year 5 area.

It is our intention to begin the new school year with the curriculum designated for that appropriate school year, with some recovery work taking place when and where needed.

The Years 5 and 6 curriculum will remain largely as it is now in an effort to keep a broad and balanced curriculum. However, many lessons will feel different. Classrooms will be laid out differently and some specialist rooms and equipment cannot be used. Science and DT lessons will be taught in classrooms. Music lessons will be replaced by a wellbeing session. CID lessons will focus upon the citizenship topics initially.

All of these measures will be reviewed at October half term where we will again listen to any updated guidance and amend where necessary.

Although the children are aware of who their tutor(s) is/are, I give below a reminder:

Blackdown	Mrs Heard and Mrs Chew
Mendip	Mrs Naden
Nyland	Miss Nixon
Polden	Miss Newbury and Mrs Chew
Quantock	Mrs Rowlinson

I wish you all a safe and happy summer. The staff and I are all looking forward to meeting you all in September, but I would politely ask that you please keep an eye on our school website for further possible updates throughout the summer period.

Yours sincerely

Stefan McHale
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