

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone. I hope you have all had a lovely summer.

When the children return to school on Friday, please remember that our Year 1 and Year 2 classes have swapped around. Here's a photo to help you work out where your child will need to go on Friday.



Miss Smith Y1

Mrs Fountain Y1

Mrs Pickup Y2

Mrs Clegg Y2

Although most restrictions have now been lifted, community transmission of Covid-19 is still common, so we need your help more than ever to ensure that our school community is kept as safe as possible.

We will continue with our staggered start and end times to help reduce congestion on the school yards, and we would still like adults to wear face coverings, if possible, when dropping off/collecting children.

If your child has **any** of the Covid-19 symptoms (**high temperature, cough, loss/change of sense of taste or smell**) then they need to stay off school and should have a PCR test. If this happens, please keep us informed.

### Uniforms and PE Kits

Please remember to make sure that your child has a warm, waterproof coat for school. We will always get the children outside as much as possible ***even when it is raining***. If the weather is really wet, it is often worth sending your child into school with wellies for playtimes. We will only stay indoors for playtimes if the rain is torrential.

Our classrooms will continue to be draughty (and often cold!), as the advice to ventilate school as well as possible still stands. Please make sure that your child has a jumper/cardigan to wear even if the weather forecast is good.

All children will need a PE kit. They should wear plain black or blue shorts and a plain white t-shirt. Most PE will be done outside, so children should also have a plain blue or black tracksuit (or plain blue or black jogging bottoms/leggings and top). Given that it often rains, children should also always have a waterproof coat in school.

Your child's class teacher will let you know on which days your child's class does PE. On those days, your child should come to school dressed in their PE kit.

### Start of Term

For the first week of term, the kitchens will continue to prepare packed lunches and the children will be able to eat these in the dinner hall. This will help us to readjust to our old lunchtime routines more easily.

From the second week of term, the kitchens will return to their normal capacity and we will be back to providing hot school dinners.

The first day of term will be Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

We have a day of staff training booked for Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September and school will be closed to pupils on this day.

### Leadership Changes

From next week, I will only be working four days a week. In my absence, Mrs Dunford will be Acting Head Teacher. To all intents and purposes, this change will not affect your children as Mrs Dunford has always covered my absence when I am out of school on meetings etc.

In addition, Mrs Clayton (our Assistant Head Teacher) and Mrs Hodgson (our KS1 leader) will now be non-classroom based. This will allow them to work with children across school and help us to tackle some of the negative impact that the pandemic may have had on the children in school.

### Goodbye Mrs Glass

At the end of term, I forgot to mention in the newsletter that Mrs Glass retired this summer after many, many years at Fairfield. Mrs Glass will be very much missed and we wish her all the best for the future. Thank you for your years of hard work, dedication and kindness.

### New Website

We have a new school website that has just gone live. Please bear with us while we check the information on it and update some of the pages. Please also don't panic about the different school logo that appears on the website – no-one needs to worry about their uniform looking out of date!

The existing school logo did not translate well to the new website, so they kindly designed us a new logo. Even if we end up sharing this logo with Elizabeth's Embroidery for uniforms etc, it's unlikely to be used until next year and all uniform with the existing logo will always be welcome.

[www.fairfieldprimary.org.uk](http://www.fairfieldprimary.org.uk)

## Important Diary Dates

01/09/2021	This will be a PD Day and the children will not be in school.
02/09/2021	This will be a PD Day and the children will not be in school.
03/09/2021	This will be the first day of term for the children (no before school club on this day)
06/09/2021	Before school club starts (please make sure you book a space before attending)
20/09/2021	This will be a PD Day and the children will not be in school.

There will be two more PD Days (staff training days) to be booked at some point during the year. We will let you know about these as soon as they are booked.

**If you are waiting for a test result for your child and you receive it when school is closed (e.g. in the evening or over a weekend), please inform us by email to this address:**

**[fairfieldcovidtestresults@outlook.com](mailto:fairfieldcovidtestresults@outlook.com) .**

**Please do not use the normal school email as this is very difficult for staff to access from home.**

Mr A Ruffell