

Dear Parents,

I hope you are well. We are really looking forward to welcoming back all pupils on Monday 8th March. Thank you all very much for sticking with Google Classroom and enabling your child to make progress despite not being at school.

School will run very much as it did during the autumn term. The new documentation from the government shows very little change so below are some useful reminders.

Timings and Gates:

These remain the same as they were in the autumn term.

Main Gate	Entry	Exit
Year 1	8:40am	2:55pm
Year 2	8:45am	3pm
Reception	8:50am	3:05pm
Year 3	8:55am	3:10pm

Upper School Playground Gate.	Entry	Exit
Year 6	8:40am	2:55pm
Year 5	8:45am	3pm
Year 4	8:50am	3:05pm

Nursery- Main Gate 8:45am- 11.45am 12:25pm- 3.25pm
360- Gates into lower school playground 8:45am - 3:15pm.

Please drop your child at the gate at the correct time. At collection time, please do not come too close to the gates as this can block the path, just wave and we will make sure that your child comes to you. Please wear a mask at these times.

Class teachers will bring the children to the gate at the end of each day and this is an opportunity for you to have a quick word with them. If you require a longer conversation, please ring school and the class teacher will ring you back.

Pods (Bubbles) :

The children will continue to work and play in their year group pod only. At lunchtime each year group pod has their own time slot for lunch and playtime, the children do not mix with pupils from other year groups and where possible staff remain in one pod.

Each pod has its own equipment including PE equipment and playtime games. These are not shared with other year groups and are cleaned frequently.

Each pod also has its own time table for additional handwashing sessions.

The government have decided that the taking of the children's temperatures each morning is not helpful in spotting Covid-19, and so we will not be continuing with this procedure.

Cleaning, testing and masks.

We continue to have a thorough routine for cleaning with an additional cleaner employed to clean the toilets, door handles, etc in the middle of the day as well as the before and after school cleaning hours. In the early years and year 1 there is a constant regime of cleaning as the children are sharing their resources.

All staff at Fairchildes are required to take a Lateral Flow test twice weekly.

Staff at Fairchildes wear masks at all times in communal areas, including the corridors and dining room. Teachers and TAs have the option to wear their masks in the classroom should they feel more comfortable doing so.

Primary school children are not required to wear masks at school. If your child travels to school via public transport and wears a mask, please let us know so that we can meet him/her at the gate and ensure that they remove the mask carefully. Please send a plastic bag with him/her that the mask can be stored in during the day.

Uniform, PE and resources:

Your child will need to wear school uniform and have his/her PE kit in school. Please send the PE kit in on a Monday and we will send it home on a Friday. If we are able to have PE lessons outside then that is what we will do. It would be great if your child had some warm jogging bottoms in their PE bag.

We are following government documentation in asking you to send in as little as possible in your child's school bag. He/she doesn't need any stationery; all children from years 1-6 have their own pencil case in class which includes all of the resources that they need. Your child can of course bring school books back and forth between school and home as well as his/her water bottle.

For the time being could those of you whose children have a packed lunch please continue to send the lunch into school in a disposable bag.

Attendance and reporting Covid-19 cases:

From the 8th March all children must return to school and attend every day. Please report absences as you generally would leaving a phone message for Mrs Dymott or contact her via Weduc.

If your child or any member of your household shows symptoms of Covid, please do not send your child or his/her sibling to school and contact me immediately so that I can isolate year group pods if necessary. head@fairchildes.croydon.sch.uk

If a member of your household is going to have a Covid test, or is awaiting the results of a test, please DO NOT send your child to school and please just let us know that this is happening.

Should we have a case of Covid within school I will let you know immediately and if a year group have to isolate they will move to Google Classroom online work from the next day.

Clubs:

Breakfast Club will run from 7.30am until the start of the school day.

From 7:30am= £3.00

8:00am = £2.00

Please book ahead bc@fairchildes.croydon.sch.uk

After school club

End of the school day until 4:05pm - £3.00

5pm - £8.00

6pm -£10.00

Please book ahead asc@fairchildes.croydon.sch.uk

Activity clubs:

To help with child care and to enhance our curriculum we will resume our activity clubs from Monday 8th March starting with the following:

Monday 8th – Year 5 street dance for school crew.

Wednesday 10th – Year 3 steel band (CSO juniors) All members of year 3 welcome. £3.00 pay on the day.

Wednesday 10th – Year 2 multi sports. (Teachers to organise this on Monday 8th)

Thursday – Year 4 Multi Sport. (Children have already applied for places- teachers will have list)

Friday- Year 6 steel band

If you are collecting a child from a club, please wait at the gates for him/her.

Pastoral support:

We know that these have been difficult times for many of our children, please rest assured that our pastoral team including our mentors, SPIL counselling team and attendance coordinator are all here to support your child. If you have a concern please don't hesitate to give them a call 01689842268 or email the team mentors@fairchildes.croydon.sch.uk We will be continuing with Zones of Regulation which you know gives the children the language to express how they are feeling, we will also be resuming our weekly Dot Com sessions.

Catch up:

Clearly most children have missed a great deal of schooling this year, gaps in knowledge will need to be filled and areas revised. We continue to have high expectations for all of our children. Additional

tutoring will take place for children of all academic abilities, and we will continue to target pupils for help and intervention. All SATS tests have been cancelled for this year.

Although we will be focussing on literacy and numeracy, we will continue to offer a broad curriculum. One of the few things that we can't do at the moment is sing in larger groups, but we will ensure that we still offer great opportunities for music. Similarly, although the children aren't able to play contact sports, staff have prepared great skills based sessions. The children will still have their history, geography and art lessons etc. and in fact our first week back is Science Week.

Returning of laptops:

During the lockdown we have loaned more than 90 laptops out to our families. This has ensured that children have been able to access online learning. We will let you know when and how to return the laptop and charger to us.

Meetings:

If you would like to have a meeting with a member of staff please contact the school to make an appointment. When you arrive in school we will ask for your contact details for NHS test and trace, we will also ask you to wear a mask throughout the time that you are in school, unless of course, you are exempt.

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact me head@fairchildes.croydon.sch.uk and hopefully, if the government's roadmap goes as planned, we will be able to welcome you back into school before the end of this school year.

Many thanks

Miss Hussey

Head of School.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/whats-working-well-in-remote-education/whats-working-well-in-remote-education>