



# FARNBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear parents/carers,

We have completed our first two weeks and are beginning to settle into our new routines at school. As always, the children have been absolutely incredible in every way and have adapted to all of the changes so well. I'm just so proud of each and every one of them!

Our new reception children started school this week, and have already settled in and been amazing! We have also welcomed some new children to our school over the past two weeks; as always the Farnborough children have been warm, welcoming and made our newcomers immediately feel like part of our community. A huge well done to all of our new children for settling in so well.

As we continue through this term, it is already clear that we will continuously have to adapt and change our practice in order to respond to the ever changing situation. In this week's letter I just wanted to outline some of the changes that would have been touched upon in your 'Meet the Teacher Meetings'

## Bug Club

Reading is one of the most wonderful things in the world, and teaching the children this amazing skill is so important. Due to the current situation, we do not feel that passing hard copies of books between home and school is safe at this time, therefore the reading that we provide all children with from Reception through to year six, will be through Bug Club (an online reading programme) Your children have been issued with 'quarantined' log in details. Please try to ensure that your child reads daily. We fully understand that Bug Club does not offer the same range of books that the school library has, but it does offer a good variety of books. We are obviously more than happy for you to supplement your child's reading with additional books from home.

## Homework

From week commencing 21 September, all home work will be set via 'Google Classroom' Your child will have been shown how to login to Google Classroom by their teacher and how to access their homework and submit it. All of the teacher's presentations will also be available to you all via Google Classroom so if your child is 'isolating' for any reason, they will also be able to access the school work. A parental guide on how to use Google Classroom is also being sent to you today, so you will be able to help your children to login next week.

Please note that the year group email addresses should only be used for messages about your child's class based learning. Please do not send any urgent information as these will only be checked by the class teacher once a week. All urgent matters and other emails should be directed to the admin.office address which is monitored continuously.



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## Remote Learning

I have to say, I completely underestimated the chaos that returning to school would bring due to children and staff having to stay at home if they developed 'any' of the COVID symptoms. Unfortunately the testing system is not as efficient as we would have hoped for upon our return, so I am fully aware that not only are tests hard to come by, but the results are taking longer to process than we thought they would. This means that for staff and children absences for longer period of times than necessary will be unavoidable until the testing procedures are fit for purpose. Whilst this is very frustrating, it is much better to be cautious and safe during these times and stay at home until test results are returned or the self isolation period is over.

The above invariably means that for both staff and children there will be gaps in attendance.

From Monday 21 September the teachers teaching sequences for English, Maths, Science and Topic will be made available to you on Google Classroom. For many of the children they have not been at school for six months, and whilst I appreciate we were all hoping that the days of 'home schooling' were definitely behind us; there may still be an element of this for you at home if your child is 'isolating' due to developing COVID symptoms. The work is there, of course for all children to access if they are off sick, but may feel well enough to 'have a go' Please do try and make sure your children accesses the work online if they are isolating, as otherwise the learning gaps may widen even further.

If teachers are 'isolating' they will teach their classes remotely from home for lessons where this is possible for, such as English, Maths, Science, Topic, PSHE, RE. There will always be another adult with the children in the classroom to support them with their learning. I understand that this is far from ideal, but please rest assured we will try and do our very best in continuing to teach the children whatever the circumstances may be.

If your child's 'bubble' has to close, your child will be taught virtually by their class teacher via Google Classroom.

If you do not have a device your child can access our online learning with please can you email the school as soon as possible to advise us and we can then look into ways we can assist you further.



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## Reading Spine and suggestions

At Farnborough, we realise the importance of celebrating reading. In our country, we are so lucky to have a wealth of rich and exciting texts to draw upon, that take us to places that we have never been before. Over the summer, the staff have been busy adapting and updating the Reading Spines for Reception, Key Stage One and Key Stage Two. This is where we have chosen fiction books to read daily to the children in class over a period of days or weeks. They are chosen for a range of reasons: they may be considered a classic, link to the current topic, be exciting and fun, have thought provoking story lines to name but a few. We constantly strive to provide the best opportunities for our children so we reviewed the spine from last year and have adapted some of the books to encourage the children to broaden their ideas and views regarding the characters, settings and storylines. We are really excited about the books and hope the children enjoy listening to them as much as we enjoy reading to them.

You can find the Reading Spines and find out what your child's class will be reading by going to the school's website, clicking on the learning tab, going to 'our curriculum', then 'reading and phonics'.

## SEND interventions

If your child is on the SEND register (you will know this as your child would have had a school provision map last year) all of their interventions will be taking place in the classroom for the foreseeable future. Unfortunately, we are not able to use the Orchid Room due to the time it would take to clean all of the furniture and resources used after each child had their intervention. All of the additional adults have had training from Mrs Hirst and Mrs Jones and will continue to do so throughout this term.

Provision maps will be reviewed as normal and the new provision maps for the Autumn Term will be issued after half term.

If your child's 'bubble' has to close for any reason, the interventions will continue to take place via Google Classroom. If your child has an EHCP, after the virtual lesson your child's one to one support will be 'virtually' available to support your child throughout the time it takes them to complete the lessons.

## Catch Up for All

Due to the fact that all children have not received the level of teaching required, had the country not been forced into a National lockdown in March, the teachers are all informally assessing the children through their daily lessons. The week commencing 21 September, all classes from year two upwards will be sitting short tests to help the teachers assess the gaps that would have arisen since March. Whilst we know that you all worked exceptionally hard with the home learning, we also realise what we were able to set within the parameters of which we were working within was not the same had the children been in school. Therefore, week commencing 28 September, there will be an optional catch up meeting via Google Classroom whereby your child's class teacher can share with you how your child has settled back into school life. Each teacher has set aside an hour and a half for these optional meetings which will be for a maximum of ten minutes per child. Next week you will receive a letter where you will be able to



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email us the time that suits you best within the allocated time slot to discuss how your child has settled into school, should you wish to. Please note that we will not be sharing assessments and attainment at this early stage; this will be communicated with you in October whereby you will receive your child's target sheets and initial attainment levels. A letter explaining how to book onto appointments will be sent to you closer to the time.

Interventions for children with gaps in their learning will be largely addressed in the classroom by the class teacher and the support staff working within the classroom. These may be for reading, aspects of grammar, spelling, punctuation or mathematical concepts. The children will be given more adult support in their understanding and application of these areas until they are deemed more confident to apply them independently. As lunch time is shorter, whole school assemblies are fewer and the children are not changing for and from PE, there is currently more time built into the timetable for learning within the classroom which will help to lessen and fill any gaps. If we feel that your child would benefit from individual or small group interventions, we will speak to you about this at the October Parents' Evening.

## Start and End of the Day Times Changing

Thank you for being so supportive and understanding at drop off and collection times. To try and shorten the time you have to wait for your children (especially as it will begin get colder soon), Reception and years one to three will continue to come in at 8:40am, but years four to six, will have a new start time of 8:50am. These new times will start on Monday 21 September. This means that for Reception to year three the end of the day will still be 3:00pm, but years four to six will now finish at 3:10. The queuing system for each year group will remain the same.

## Achievement Assembly

For the Summer Term, you may recall that we held Zoom assemblies for you and your children to attend. Last Friday we held our first Zoom Achievement assembly of the new academic year. From this week, we will notify you via email if your child is due to get an achievement award. In this email you will also receive a Zoom invite, should you be able to attend the Achievement Assembly at 2:45pm on Fridays to see your child receive their award. Please note that the children do not know until the assembly if they have been chosen to receive a certificate, so please keep your attendance as a surprise for them.

We are using the 'Zoom' consent forms sent in during the summer term as our reference guide of consent. If you no longer wish for your child to be in a Zoom assembly which will be seen by the rest of the school and sometimes other parents, please can you advise us via email.

Although we are limiting items that are shared between home and school, receiving a certificate from school that can be shown to family members and stuck up on the fridge, is a 'Primary School Memory' that we do not want the children to miss out on. Therefore, children will still receive their certificate (handed to them by their teacher, who will be wearing gloves) and the children will need to quarantine their certificate in their tray until Monday, when they will be able



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to bring them home. If you would prefer for your child not to bring the certificate home at this time, please email the admin.office address.

## Sewing Bee

You may recall that at the end of last year we set a Sewing Bee challenge. If your child has completed their sewing creation, please could they send it in to school by 1 October, in a sealed sandwich type bag, with their name and class on please. We will then quarantine these, before we make a display with the children's work.

## Contacting the School Office

If you need to contact the school office, Miss James or Mrs Jones please email to [admin.office@farnborough.bromley.sch.uk](mailto:admin.office@farnborough.bromley.sch.uk). Please do not use the individual class emails or by responding to in our 'In Touch' emails as this does not have a monitored reply box. Please can we ask that you only call the school office for any urgent enquiries currently as we are experiencing a high volume of calls and email where at all possible and we will respond as promptly as we can.

## Please help us to stay open throughout the Autumn Term by:

- Adhering to the government guidelines at all times
- Maintaining social distancing at drop off and collection times
- **Please** wear a face covering if it is not possible to maintain 1m+ from others

Thank you as always for your ongoing support and understanding and for taking the time to read another one of my very long letters.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Best Wishes,

Miss James  
Head Teacher



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