



FARNBOROUGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carers,

I am sure you have all been following the news this weekend, to hear that there is a new variant of Covid 19, and that a case has now been found in London. With this in mind, and the positive cases within our school community, we will now be moving to put further measures in place to try and keep the whole school community safe.

This is obviously, not what we had hoped for, but unfortunately, we again find ourselves in a position where some of our day to day routines will be dictated by Covid, and trying to keep everyone as safe as is possible.

Please find below the initial; measures that we will be putting back into place as of today.

Pick Up – Commencing Pick Up as of Monday 29 November pm.

Unfortunately, we will be moving back to parents/carers, not coming onto the school site to collect their children, unless your children are in Reception. This is because the amount of space that we have at the top of the car park, for KS1 parents/carers to congregate is very limited, making social distancing very hard to do. For KS2, the reason is the same, that at any one time we can have up to 360 people on the top playground, again making social distancing very difficult.

Reception and years 1-3 will finish school at 3:00pm and years 4 – 6 will finish school at 3:15. Class teachers will bring their classes to the main gates to dismiss them safely and promptly.

Reception will be collected from their classroom door.

Years 1, 4 and 5 will be collected from the left hand side of the school (parents/carers lining up by the pedestrian gate side) Years 2, 3 and 6 will be dismissed from the right hand side of the school (the Westfield flats side)

I understand that there will be a lot of adults and children outside the school gates, but please try to maintain social distancing measures and forming class queues where possible would be advisable. We would also advise that adults wear a face covering whilst dropping off and collecting their children.

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The **start of day as of Tuesday 30 November** will be as follows:

Reception:

8:40am start for Reception to Year Three

Reception families will be able to bring their children to the classroom door as normal, whilst maintaining social distancing measure of 1m+. As soon as your child has gone into the classroom, we ask that you leave the school site promptly. We ask that only one adult drops off and collects your child in order to minimise the amount of people on our school site. Please ensure that if you are coming onto the school grounds, you wear a face covering.

Years 1, 2 and 3 will also start at 8:40am. The protocol for this will be that the class teachers will wait at the car park and pedestrian gates for approximately 2 minutes for their children to line up. As soon as all of the children have lined up, the class teacher will take their children to their classroom. Children who are late will have to wait in a designated area with Miss James or Mrs Ellson.

Years 4,5 and 6 will start at 8:50am. The protocol is the same as above.

I know that this will again provide many issues as we have a lot of siblings that will have to wait outside the school gates, but as I am sure you understand, we only have one entrance to get all of our children through. We will do our very best to ensure the children are taken to their classrooms safely and promptly to allow all adults to leave the school gates as quickly as is possible.

We politely ask that only ONE adult brings your child/children to school and that all adults arrive and leave promptly to minimise the number of adults outside the school gates.

Ventilation of classrooms:

As ventilation is proven to be one of the best ways to keep Covid at bay, we will continue to keep the windows and door open, at playtime and lunchtime, when the children are not in their rooms. As soon as the children return to their rooms, the doors and windows will be shut.

Handwashing and Hand Gels:

Children will continue to wash their hands throughout the school day, and hand gels are provided in the classrooms. Should you wish to provide your child with their own hand gel, that is absolutely fine.

Door handles and frequent touch points around the school building will be cleaned frequently during the day.

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Bubbles:

At the moment, apart for year six, we will not be moving to indoor bubbles. This is largely due to that once inside the school building, the children stay in their own classrooms. If we feel that the increase in positive cases amongst our children rises significantly enough, we will reintroduce outdoor and indoor bubbles across the school.

Home Learning:

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 isolating but may feel well enough to 'have a go' This work is not for children who are off ill, or are poorly with Covid.

Work will be uploaded every Monday onto Google Classroom for years 2 -6 at 8am from next week. This week's work will be uploaded this afternoon. For children in Reception and year one, packs of work will need to be collected from the school office. Please email the admin office if you are unsure of your child's login details for Google Classroom.

Christmas Events:

At the moment, everything on our school Christmas Calendar will still go ahead, however, as with everything, I am sure we are learning to never get too comfortable with the situation and added measures, as, as soon as we do, it's all change again; so please watch out for any further restrictions letters that may come out in the coming days and weeks.

I am so sorry for the short notice regarding the changes that I have made to the school day, but as I am sure you are aware, I have to make the changes within school, as they occur in the wider community and world.

Thank you so much for your continued understanding and support.

Miss James

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