



*Learning for Life*

## Fawbert & Barnard's Primary School

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Dear Parent

### SEPTEMBER 2020 RETURN TO SCHOOL

We have learnt a lot over the last four months and are going to build on what is working successfully as we prepare for the opening in September.

This letter will inform you of all the arrangements for September, there may be a final letter issued on 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> September with any later guidance provided by the government so please check your Parentmail accounts.

School reopens on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September** to all pupils (for the new reception class, please see the individual transition arrangements).

If you wish to read more government guidance on the reopening of schools the following link will take you to the latest publications.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>

The schools risk assessment will be on the school website, by the end of July, under the corona virus tab.

#### Uniform

Full school uniform should be worn, children no longer need to change it every day. Watches can be worn and hair bows and slides should be blue. We will be doing the daily mile every day and PE lessons will be outside so your child will need trainers or plimsolls in school and may want a tracksuit when the weather gets colder. Children will no longer need to take PE kits home each day. They will be able to stay in school for half a term. Everything should be labelled. Classrooms will be well ventilated so it is important that children bring their cardigan or jumper to school every day even if it looks sunny.

#### Face masks and hand sanitiser

If children wear a face mask to school, they will be asked to put them in a plastic bag, on arrival, if they are washable or to put them in our lidded bins if disposable as face masks encourage the children to touch their face more.

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TMAT Academy are asking children **not** to bring hand sanitiser into school, as it can only be used under supervision due to the alcohol content which makes them flammable. Regular handwashing will be promoted throughout the day.

### School Bags

We are asking that children do not bring in extra items from home to minimise the risk of contamination. For this reason pencil cases should be left at home and used for homework. We will not be asking for show and tell items and further details regarding homework will be sent out in September. Reading books and water bottles should come in every day. Reading books will be left in a box in the classroom, when returned, for 72 hours before being given out again.

We will review this during the first half term to see if we can relax the rules slightly and allow pencil cases.

### Arrival and Departing

We will continue to stagger the start and end of the day to allow social distancing of adults on the public footpath.

The one-way system on the footpath has worked really well, thank you to everyone who followed this, we will continue to encourage you to follow this system, if you can. There is an additional exit along the field by the cycle shed which would allow you a quick way out back onto London Road, if that is easier.

We will continue to use the one-way system in KS1/EYFS. In by the gate near Year 2 and out by EYFS. You may have to go back up the footpath to collect older siblings.

We are still encouraging children to cycle, walk or scooter to school. At the moment we are suspending our walking bus but will look at how we can provide this safely in September. Current guidance recommends families do not car share and find a different way to travel so that social distancing can be maintained.

### School Day times

<b>Class</b>	<b>Arrival</b>	<b>Collection</b>
Reception – when in full time.	8:45 – 8:55 am	3:05 – 3:15 pm
Year 1	8:40 – 8:55 am	3:05 – 3:20 pm
Year 2	8:30 – 8:45 am	3:00 – 3:10 pm
Year 3	8:40 – 8:55 am	3:05 – 3:20 pm
Year 4	8:30 – 8:45 am	3:00 – 3:10 pm
Year 5	8:40 – 8:55 am	3:05 – 3:20 pm
Year 6	8:30 – 8:45 am	3:00 – 3:10 pm

There is a cross over time for all families with siblings 8:40 - 8:45 and 3:05 – 3:10 so it might be best for other parents with only one child to avoid these times.

Parents are asked to kiss and go to avoid overcrowding the footpath and the areas outside classrooms. We will not be asking children to wait in the playground but they can enter their classrooms. On arrival all children will have to wash their hands.

At the end of the day, children can be collected from their classrooms, if you have several children to collect, they will not be able to make their way to their sibling's classes but will need to be collected by the parents. There is a crossover of timings to allow this.

### Bubbles and social distancing

Each class will form its own bubble, staff will move around bubbles if necessary. Government advice states adults should try to stay 2 metres from the children but the children can work and play together, from September, please explain to your child that they need to try to keep their distance from the staff.

### Dinners

We will be providing school dinners for everyone who wishes to have them. We are continuing to use our pre-booking system, which has been developed over the summer term. **Free school meals and Universal Free School Meals for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will be available every day but have to be booked in advance.** Anyone who wants a hot meal will need to book this a fortnight in advance. Please see our separate Parentmail and order your meals ready for the first weeks back. Meals ordered but not eaten will be charged for.

Children will eat in their bubbles with cleaning between bubbles taking place in the dining hall.

Many families have suffered hardship during the pandemic and you may now be able to claim free schools dinners if you receive any of the following:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and you don't get more than **£16,190** a year)
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit (with annual earned income of no more than **£7,400** after tax and not including any benefits you get).

Apply today if you receive any of these benefits. It takes **5 mins** and in most cases you can be told straightaway if your child can get free meals at school. You can make an application by clicking [here](#). Please note that applications need to be processed through this link and not Essex County Council.

### Free Fruit & Vegetable Scheme

The Government will be re-introducing the fruit and vegetable scheme that is provided to those children in EYFS and Years 1-2. Children in KS2 should bring in a healthy snack (ie fresh/dried fruit) for their snack times.

### Communication

We have really valued all the communication that we have received from you during the summer term and are going to keep the class emails as a regular way to contact the teachers. They will be looked at every other day as a minimum. If you have a problem please do email the class teacher or the school receptionist on [admin@fawbert-barnards.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@fawbert-barnards.essex.sch.uk). Details of who else to contact if you are concerned are on your class page.

It is vital that we can contact you quickly so please check your contact details are up to date or email [admin@fawbert-barnards.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@fawbert-barnards.essex.sch.uk) if you have any changes particularly to your mobile. We ask for 3 forms of contact for each child.

Meet the teacher events will take place in week 2 for Year 1 – 5 and week 4 for Reception. These will be a different format, as we will not be able to have whole class groups of parents in school. Look out for more details next term.

### Learning

As the children return to school, teachers will be busy assessing their learning needs and gaps. This is not carried out by test but active, fun activities where children show us what they have remembered. We will also be focusing on the areas we know are challenging from the pupil and parent surveys. There may be shorter lessons to help them build up their concentration, we will be doing the daily mile and PE more often as well as lots of lessons around hope, kindness, compassion and connections and belonging.

To begin our schooling journey we will all be working on the topic of ‘Super Heroes’ looking at how they have been heroes throughout, the work of some of our parents and what strengths from known super heroes that we can borrow to help us.

### Attendance

School attendance becomes **compulsory** from September that means that any penalties and fines will be back in place. We want to work with you and support you in getting your child back into school. Please do contact Shona Briscoe if you have any concerns. **You are required to report your child’s absence to the school on a daily basis unless told otherwise.** Our first-day calls will resume for those not attending and no notification has been received.

### Well-being

We will be using the information provided in the parent survey to inform us of the support we need to provide to different classes. We will be building up concentration, discussing COVID-19 and our feelings around this. All staff have undergone training to support them with this vital work.

### Medication

Ensure that those with a medical need return their asthma pump or epi-pen at the beginning of term if it was sent home as it was expiring. Medical Health Care plans will be emailed at the beginning of term for you to check and confirm by email that they are correct. Medication will be kept safe in the classroom and not in the child’s bag.

### Test and Trace

As part of coming back, you will need to understand that you will need to be ready and willing to:

- [book a test](#) if your child is displaying symptoms. Pupils must not come into the school if they have symptoms, and will be sent home to self-isolate if they develop them in school. All children can be tested, including children under 5, but children aged 11 and under will need to be helped by their parents/carers if using a home testing kit
- provide details of anyone they have been in close contact with if they were to test positive for coronavirus (COVID-19) or if asked by NHS Test and Trace
- [self-isolate](#) if they have been in close contact with someone who develops coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms or someone who tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19)

Anyone who displays symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) can and should get a test. Tests can be booked online through the NHS [testing and tracing for coronavirus website](#), or ordered by telephone via NHS 119 for those without access to the internet. Essential workers, which includes anyone involved in education or childcare, have priority access to testing.

Parents and staff will be asked to inform us immediately of the results of a test:

- if someone tests negative, if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating. They could still have another virus, such as a cold or flu – in

which case it is still best to avoid contact with other people until they are better. Other members of their household can stop self-isolating.

- if someone tests positive, they should follow the '[stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus \(COVID-19\) infection](#)' and must continue to self-isolate for at least 7 days from the onset of their symptoms and then return to school only if they do not have symptoms other than cough or loss of sense of smell/taste. This is because a cough or anosmia can last for several weeks once the infection has gone. The 7-day period starts from the day when they first became ill. If they still have a high temperature, they should keep self-isolating until their temperature returns to normal. Other members of their household should continue self-isolating for the full 14 days.

### Clubs

We are trying to arrange after school and lunchtime clubs, each club will be held for a specific year group and further details will be sent at the beginning of the term.

### Trips

We will say more about trips in September. At the moment we are looking into ways we can bring the learning to school rather than taking the children out. The Year 6 residential trip is rebooked for June.

### Parking

Our school car park is for staff and visitors only. Please use the Chippingfield garage area or the local car parks at the High Street. Please be considerate when parking around the local neighbourhood.

We look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher