

Faringdon Infant School

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Sunday 27th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Believe it or not, we have passed the halfway point in the academic year – goodness how times flies! Let us hope that this term is settled and steady and our children can experience school without significant disruption to their learning.

This leads nicely to our **COVID-19 update**:

On February 21st 2022 the Department for Education issued new guidelines and Public Health advice based on the Prime Minister's announcement on the 'Living with COVID-19 Plan'. This included;

- **No legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test.** Adults and children who test positive are **advised** to stay at home and avoid contact with other people. After 5 days, they may choose to take a Lateral Flow Device (LFD) followed by another the next day - if both are negative, and they do not have a temperature, they can safely return to their normal routine.

Our School COVID-19 Risk Assessment will advise that; If a pupil or staff member has COVID-19 symptoms, they should get a PCR test, stay at home and follow government guidance if positive (as above).

- **No legal requirement for close contacts to self-isolate.** Staff, children and young people should attend school as usual.

Our School COVID-19 Risk Assessment will advise that; Individuals can still reduce the risk of catching and passing on COVID-19 by:

- a. Taking a test if you have COVID-19 symptoms, and staying at home and avoiding contact with other people if you test positive;
- b. Promoting good ventilation;
- c. Washing your hands and following advice to 'Catch it, Bin it, Kill it'; and
- d. Wearing a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces, especially where you come into contact with people you do not usually meet, when rates of transmission are high;

- **Regular asymptomatic testing is no longer advised.** Nurseries and primary schools may be advised to re-introduce asymptomatic testing for targeted groups of staff and pupils in the event of an **outbreak**, and only if testing measures have been advised or agreed by a Director of Public Health or local Health Protection Team.

In this instance, **our School COVID-19 Risk Assessment will advise that;** Asymptomatic testing be undertaken to help break transmission links by identifying those that may be carrying the virus unknowingly.

****Please do not hesitate to ask members of staff if you are unsure about how any changes apply to you or your child.****

Your support at the start and end of the day, please.

During drop off and pick up times we have noticed lots of families enjoying the playground equipment and grassed areas. We understand that the children love to burn off some energy at the start and end of the day. However, we respectfully ask that **adults supervise their children**. Our school insurance does not cover us outside of school hours (the times at which your children's day starts and finishes, not necessarily the times you arrive on site) unless children are undertaking before or after school clubs and are supervised by a member of staff.

Please do not take offence if a member of staff asks an unsupervised child to return to their parents/carers – they are simply trying to keep your children safe!

Breakfast Club

Need to get to work bright and early?

Need one morning a week, every morning or just a one off?

Our Breakfast Club continues to run every morning from 7.30am, with our warm and friendly staff, a hearty breakfast and fun activities with friends!

If you have not yet booked a place and are still interested, we do have further spaces available. Simply make your booking through the school office, by email to office@fis.faringdonlearningtrust.org or call the school office on: 01367 240655

Kindness Club



We like to celebrate kindness in our learning community, that is why we encourage you to nominate a child by following the link below to enter their name and tell us what they have done to show kindness. The kindness of our children is so often an example to us all!

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=9I-lqU9ZzkqtSLc4nhgV4vg4S2txZYFFrZUmcS1-1edURE5MT1BNT1pOTkgwVUFUUUdSUU1EWEo1WC4u>

Jigsaw – Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education



Jigsaw is our scheme of work for supporting children's personal, social, health and economic development. Each term of the year, the whole school shares a theme for learning. This term the theme is 'Healthy Me'; a jigsaw piece of learning about caring for our bodies and keeping healthy. You can find more information about Jigsaw, including this term's learning overview, on our website via the following link.

<https://www.faringdoninfantschool.co.uk/jigsaw-pshe/>

Dates for your Diary

Date	Events
Monday 28th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Start of Term
Thursday 3rd March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• World Book Day
Tuesday 8th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reception weighing & measuring in school
Tuesday 8th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parents evening (phone call with teacher)
Thursday 10th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parents evening (phone call with teacher)
Tuesday 15th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parents evening (phone call with teacher)
Thursday 17th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parents evening (phone call with teacher)
Friday 18th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• COMIC RELIEF Day & Science Day
Thursday 31st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explorer Dome (Years 1 &2)
Thursday 7th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• End of Term 4 for Sunflower Nursery
Friday 8th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• End of Term 4 (1.15pm) for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Mon 25th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Start of Term 5

If you need information or support from us at school, please make contact via the school office on 01367 240655 or office@fis.faringdonlearningtrust.org

As ever, thank you for your ongoing support.

All the best,

Mr Bryn Jones and the FIS Team