

Faringdon Infant School

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

School Opening and Friday 5th March

We are delighted to look ahead to Monday 8th March, with the clear guidance from Government that all children should return to school from this date. We can't wait to welcome our remote learners back to school and reunite classes and friends.

We will be re-opening with all the measures in place to ensure maximum safety in accordance with our revised school risk assessment. We will be grateful for your continued support to ensure that our full re-opening can happen in the safest possible way, which will also allow us to avoid any further closures. I will write to you next week with reminders about some of these safety measures, such as our staggered start and finish times, arrival and departure points, distancing and wearing of masks on the school site, and advice on steps you can take to keep yourselves and your families safe as you begin to leave home more.

Between now and 8th March, we will continue to provide remote education in the same way as last term. We strongly encourage you to try to keep supporting children to attend lessons on Teams and to continue with their work, however tempting it may be to ease off. Continuing with the remote learning will put children in the strongest position possible for their return to school. As I wrote in Monday's newsletter, please do not be offended by the efforts of school staff to follow up non-engagement with remote learning. While the school is closed to most children for a little longer, we are still accountable for the children's education and would love to see all children continuing to learn while they are at home.

The only change to remote learning provision is that on Friday 5th March, Teachers will not be leading any live lessons on Teams. On this day, our school staff will be making the adjustments to classrooms and resources which are necessary for them to accommodate full classes again. On Friday 5th March, we are suggesting a Screen Free Day for our families and you can find attached, a grid of ideas for activities to enjoy with your children before they come back to school. We recognise that this might not suit all our families (if your own work commitments will not allow it for example) and therefore each year group will have provided home learning on the website for you to access if you prefer.

Thank you for your support during this challenging time. We are so thankful for the resilience of our school community in keeping its connection and kindness, in even the darkest moments. This step forwards on the long journey out of the pandemic brings with it more hope and optimism for us to build upon together.

Take care and stay safe,

Mrs Robins and the FIS Team