



# Fairburn View Primary School

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Dear parent/ carer,

I would like to start this letter by thanking you all for your understanding and support during this difficult time. Your child's education and safety are very important to us and we are constantly thinking of ways to improve these for all the children in school.

Unfortunately, we are in another lockdown and there have been positive cases of Covid 19 in school and in the local area so we must reassess and review our planning to ensure we continue to reduce the risk of contamination between everyone in our school community. We are working very well in our class bubbles and the children play in their bubbles, have dinner in their bubbles and are escorted around the building in their bubbles at all times. We are working hard to ensure pupils keep to one side of the corridor and stairs at all time so there is no crowding in any areas. We have plenty of hand gel which the children use regularly. In the dining room we have sneeze screens on tables so there is a barrier in between each child sitting opposite while eating. However, there are still concerns from staff and parents re. the beginning and end of each day. We wish to prevent parents standing in groups and that both the start and finish time of school needs to be a lot swifter with no 'hanging around'. Therefore, as of Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November there will be some new guidelines we would ask all parents to follow to ensure the safety of everyone in the school community.

- 1) The school gates **will not open** until 8.12am each day so parents and children cannot come onto site any earlier and wait around for the doors to open at 8.15am. The reason for this is to prevent people waiting around on the playground and children not socially distancing themselves from others in different year groups. When the gates open children can go straight to their doors and straight into their classrooms.  
(Breakfast club is still open from 7.50am.)
- 2) At the end of the school day, years Reception, 1, 2 and 6 will finish school at 2.50am to reduce the amount of time parents are waiting around on

the playground for other siblings. Again, can we please remind you to wait on the playground at your allotted barrier and do not crowd around the entrance door.

- 3) When you have dropped your child or picked them up, please can you leave the premises asap and not stand around talking to friends or staff unless it is very important. We ask you leave the premises as quickly as possible.
- 4) If you need to enter the school reception even to drop anything off, we are asking that everyone wears a face covering for safety. On the very rare occasion that you might be invited into school for a meeting, you will also be required to wear a face covering throughout your visit.

I appreciate that some of these may cause a small inconvenience for you, but we are working hard to ensure everyone's safety while on the school premises. Please understand that we are constantly reviewing and reflecting on our planning and this is part of our renewed planning at this time.

Thank you and as ever please keep safe and look after yourselves at this difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs M Brownlee  
Head teacher