

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone has managed some time over the summer period to relax and your children are refreshed, back in a routine and ready for school. Amongst other things, we have been working together over the last few days on our school vision. After consulting with governors and staff this is our final draft:

At Fairstead Community Primary and Nursery School, we nurture and invest in our relationships. We identify each individual's potential and work as a team to create an environment for everyone to grow and succeed.

We have a strong focus on nurturing and developing relationships at all levels in school and it is our objective to find opportunities for each child to succeed. We hope that this is a vision that everyone can relate to. Team work with a strong focus on the many different types of relationship we have in school is crucial to our success.

We have revised our behaviour policy in preparation for the children returning to school. This is very much based on the relationships we establish, maintain and repair when necessary. There is now clarity on the use of Class Dojo's. Children will be able to save their Dojo points or spend them at the Dojo shop. We have revised the escalation of unwanted behaviour in to five levels. The revisions to the behaviour policy will be made available by the end of next week for everyone to see.

Covid-19

We have revised our school's Covid-19 risk assessment as there are elements of this that we will continue to keep in place.

Facemasks are now optional on the school site though we ask you to take a common sense approach to congregations forming on the school grounds.

A reminder that school will now **begin at 8.45am and finish at 3.15pm**. The school gates will automatically close at 8.50am. Being punctual for school means making sure your child is at school and ready to learn before the start of the school day. There are many ways to ensure your child is on time for school, from making sure their school bags are packed the night before to making sure they get up with plenty of time to eat and get ready.

Children who were regularly late to school said:-

- "I feel embarrassed, everyone looks at me."
- "I don't know what to do, everyone's started work."
- "I miss my friends and they miss me."
- "I don't want my parents to get into trouble."



PE

Children in KS2 will have PE twice each week. We are continuing to allow children to come to school in PE kit on the days that they have PE. Now that many restrictions are lifted we will expect children to have the correct PE kit on. We will not allow variations in 'hoodies' worn and will expect the school jumper, plain maroon t-shirts, plain black jogging bottoms or shorts with appropriate footwear.

This applies to all elements of school uniform. As we return to school in the hope that it will be without interruption we have to remind ourselves of the expectations for our school uniform.

Breaktimes

Years 5 & 6 will mix on the playground on one side and years 3 & 4 will be on the other. KS1 will have a separate playtime to KS2. Children in KS1 will have fresh fruit provided to them for free so there is no need for them to bring in a snack. In KS2 your child may bring their own healthy snack choice from the list below (no sweets, chocolates or nuts – we are a nut free school):

Fruits: grapes, apple, pear, dried fruit (raisins)
Granola Bars: cereal bars
Vegetables: carrots, celery, cucumbers, green peppers
Cheese: string cheese, Babybel Cheese
Cereal (no sugar added)
Other snacks: popcorn, pretzels, plain crackers



We expect each child to bring in their own water bottle and they must be filled with **water**.

Items from home

Children are not permitted to bring items from home in to school unless this has been arranged with the class teacher. This includes footballs, fidget toys and cuddly toys.

After School Care

We went out to advert during the summer for play leaders and play workers so that we can begin after school care. Unfortunately, we did not receive any suitable applications which means that we will not be able to offer after school care yet.

There will be clubs running every day and you will be notified which year groups and which clubs will be running soon.

Breakfast club will run as normal and will be open on Monday 6th September.

Bikes on the school Site

So that our school site is as safe as possible please ensure that no bikes are ridden on the school grounds. If your child is found to be continually ignoring this rule their right to park their bike at school will be taken away. This includes the areas immediately outside school, wheelies and other practices that are unsafe because there are adults and young children around will not be allowed.

We are pleased to say that younger children can now bring their bikes to their own bike park which is situated in the car park outside the reception area. This should ease congestion inside school. The scooter pods and a sign are on the way.

Welcome

Just a reminder that we welcome new staff and a new leadership structure in school.

Team Leader	Year Group
Mrs Wise (Deputy Head)	Years 5 & 6
Mr Graves (Assistant Head)	Years 3 & 4
Mrs Hoare (KS1 Lead)	Years 1 & 2
Mrs Farthing (EYFS Lead)	Reception and Nursery
Mrs Redden (Assistant Head)	Inclusion and SEND in all year groups

We also welcome Mr Williamson in Year 5, Miss Barrett in Year 3 and Mrs Lopez-Evans in Nursery.



Key Dates

Inset Days are as follows:

2nd Sept 2021

3rd Sept 2021

Additional bank holiday 4th Jan 2022

5th Jan 2022

19th April 2022

25th July 2022

Please remember to check our school website www.fairsteadprimaryschool.co.uk for further updates.

After the last two schools years we have worked as a community to support each other. The relationships we have invested in together will help us to continue to move forward out of the pandemic. We are all very excited for the start of the new school and will be there to greet you all on Monday morning with a smile on our faces.

Yours sincerely

Daniel Farthing
Headteacher

