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Dear Parents/Carers

2nd September 2020

Arrangements for September 2020

To help parents understand what school will look like in September, we have put together some key information.

The government has issued new guidance to schools for September. The approach is about 'Control and Response' which is slightly different than we have been used to and recommends that schools have in place a number of controls to minimise contact.

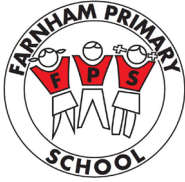
We will therefore have 'Year group Pods' (sometimes referred to as bubbles). This will be as follows:

- The Early Years Pod (Nursery and Reception children)
- Year 1 Pod
- Year 2 Pod
- Year 3 Pod
- Year 4 Pod
- Year 5 Pod
- Year 6 Pod

The approach means that contact will be minimised between children in other classes and beyond their own 'Pod'. Each Pod will have an allocated 'zone' in the playground and an allocated 'zone' in the canteen. This means that children will only be mixing with the children in their year groups. Where areas or classrooms such as the ICT suite or canteen have to be shared, we will ensure all hard surfaces are cleaned before the next Pod arrives.

School will open for the start of the autumn term on **Friday 4th September** where there is a legal requirement for ALL children to return to school.

We will also be operating **a soft drop off routine** for the first term. This means that we would like to stagger the times for dropping off pupils to allow parents to drop off without rushing whilst being socially distant. Please bring your children to school at 8.40 am as follows. Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 and their siblings to arrive at 8.40 am and KS2 pupils (Year 3, 4, 5, and 6) to arrive at 8.50 am. Pupils will be greeted in the playground by staff.



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Year group	Time	Playground
Nursery	8.40 am	Top playground
Reception	8.40 am	Reception playground
Year 1	8.40 am	Top playground
Year 2	8.40 am	Bottom playground
Year 3	8.50 am	Bottom playground
Year 4	8.50 am	Top playground
Year 5	8.50 am	Top playground
Year 6	8.50 am	Bottom playground

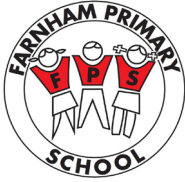
Please **do not** bring your children to the main entrance as it will not be safe to gather in the main entrance where social distance is difficult to observe. All children must go straight to the playground as it is much better to be in the open air. Teachers will be there to greet their new classes. There will be markings in the playground to indicate where pupils should line up.

To avoid overcrowding in the playground and to help us stay apart, we will stagger pick up at the end of the day from the top playground. The younger children (along with any siblings) can be collected first.

Time	Year group	Where
2.55 pm	Nursery and older siblings	Reception gate near Year 1 gate
	Reception – RES and RAS and older siblings	Reception gate near the climbing frame
	Year 1 and Year 2 and older siblings	Top playground
3.05 pm	Year 3, 4, 5, 6	Top playground

As soon as you have collected your children, we would ask all parents to make their way home safely without delay. Please keep safe by observing social distance and where this is not possible, remember to wear a face covering or face mask in line with Government guidance. We ask parents to be considerate when dropping off and picking up and as always, park a little further away from school to keep safe.

Unfortunately we will not be able to have morning clubs as this would mean children are mixing in Pods. Therefore pupils must not arrive before 8.50 am.



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Furthermore, we will not be running after school clubs in the first half of the term. We want to take a slow and gradual approach with after school clubs to keep children safe. We will look to organising clubs in year group Pods after October half term if it is safe to do so.

We would like school to be as 'normal' as possible for children in September. Children **should wear their school uniform** and only bring a book bag for their reading book. To avoid the spread of the virus, please ensure pupils do not bring any other items from home (other than if your child brings a packed lunch).

From September, PE lessons will be outside as much as possible and children can come to school in their PE kits. They need to wear :

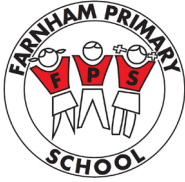
- **Plain white** T-shirt
- **Plain black** jogging bottoms, leggings or shorts
- **Red Farnham school jumper**
- **Black** Trainers

Please bring pumps in a bag for indoor PE lessons. These need to be brought in on the first day of school in September and kept in school for use when needed. Your child does not need to bring in their school uniform on their PE day – they will remain in their PE kit all day.

PE is timetabled as follows:

Class	Days the children have PE lessons.	Class	Days the children have PE lessons.
RES	Friday	3SP	Tues and Weds
RAS	Friday	4LE	Mon and Weds
1SN	Mon and Thurs	4RA	Tues and Thurs
1GN	Mon and Thurs	5LK	Tues and Weds
2JN	Tues and Friday	5LN	Mon and Thurs
2SM	Weds and Friday	6QM	Mon and Weds
3JH	Mon and Thurs	6KT	Mon and Tues

Although we would love to be able to invite visitors and parents into school, we have taken the decision to minimise school visitors during the autumn term. Therefore we will not be holding any key stage or whole school assemblies. We will keep the website updated with key information.



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The children will not be going on any educational visits in the autumn term and Year 4 will not be going swimming. We will continue to review this and update you in the new academic year.

We will be following strict hand hygiene and cleaning regimes in school to keep all the children and adults safe but recognise that we will have to take action should there be a positive Covid-19 case in school or if we are subject to a regional or national lockdown. Teachers have updated the Home Learning pages on our website and we will ensure pupils can access online learning using Purple Mash should a Pod or the whole school have to close. We will ensure you and your children know how to access this learning when we return in September so that everyone knows what to do should we be in that position.

Our systems and our response to Covid-19 are under constant review. We have updated our risk assessments and will continue to review them over the summer period with any new guidance and will have these ready to share with you at the start of the new school year. These will be on the website.

Please stay safe over the summer. I know I speak on behalf of all the staff at Farnham Primary School when I say we really cannot wait to have everyone back together again and make the next academic year our best yet.

Yours sincerely

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