



FAIRLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Pound Avenue
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Dear Parents / Carers

School Attendance Autumn Term 2020

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school next week.

Due to Covid-19, there may be some exceptional circumstances which mean that your child cannot return to school on **September 3rd**:

- You are self-isolating for 14 days, having **returned to the UK from one of the countries listed by the government** - please inform us asap by email, providing evidence of your travel dates and the date we should expect your child to return to school.
- Your child or a member of your family are self-isolating **due to having covid-19 or are awaiting test results due to having symptoms of covid-19** - please inform us by email, giving details of dates. If you are awaiting test results, please email evidence of the result to us and we will contact you to discuss a date for your child to return to school.
- **Your child is too unwell to attend school (not covid-19 related)**. Please ensure you contact us on their first day of absence (or beforehand, if you know they are going to be absent) to let us know what is wrong with your child.

Please be aware that **if your child develops symptoms of Covid-19 whilst at school** we will contact you, **the parent**, to take them home immediately, along with any siblings and ask you to book a test and provide us with evidence of the result, after which we will discuss your child/children's return to school.

Wherever possible, please avoid any other absence from school i.e. holiday as, due to the amount of missed education in the summer term, non-covid-19 absence **will not be** authorised unless you are able to provide evidence of exceptional circumstances not listed above. On-going unauthorised non-covid-19 related absence and my lead to a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued by the local authority.

And, lastly, some reassurance for any parents who have concerns about travelling to school by bus can be found at <https://www.intalink.org.uk/safeschooltransport>

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