



Friday 26th February 2021

Dear Parents & Carers

RETURNING TO ON-SITE LEARNING FOR ALL – 8TH March 2021

We are delighted to confirm that we will be welcoming **ALL children** back on site full time from **Monday 8th March 2021!**

This decision was announced by government on Monday and a detailed guidance document was issued to all schools. We have reviewed this guidance and are updating our risk assessments in the light of it and we are now able to share our plans with you.

Rest assured that we will be doing everything we can to make sure our pupils can return to school safely. Alongside this letter is an [updated FAQs](#) which explain in detail what our arrangements are when all children return.

Attendance on-site will be compulsory from 8th March 2021 for all children, so if you have any specific concerns which are not addressed in this FAQ, please do get in touch with us as soon as possible and we will work through these with you.

Please can I particularly draw to your attention the importance of remembering that:

- Parents & carers **MUST** wear a face covering/mask at drop off and collection times
- Parents and carers **MUST NOT** gather at the school gate to chat at the start and end of the day

Children will be expected to attend school in normal uniform, although we are going to be flexible with footwear for the remainder of this school year. We know that children may well have outgrown their school shoes, so they can wear other footwear for the time being but please start planning for them to have school shoes from September.

As a reminder, your child should self-isolate and not come to school if they:

- Have coronavirus symptoms or have tested positive
- Live with someone who has symptoms or have tested positive
- Are a close contact of someone who has tested positive

Please do bear in mind that we will be continuing to engage in the government's Test and Trace programme, and there is always a possibility that your child may have to self-isolate and return to remote learning. We will do everything we can to reduce the risk of this happening.

In line with the latest government guidance, pupils who are clinically extremely vulnerable should not attend school onsite. If your child is in this group, they should continue to learn from home until

further notice. Please can you provide the school with a copy of your child's shielding letter by emailing it to admin@fairlands.herts.sch.uk. For pupils who are self-isolating or shielding, we will continue to provide our full remote learning offer.

We are currently updating our school risk assessments but when these are completed you will be able to view them in the [Statutory Information section of our website](#).

Lockdown has been a challenging period for all of us, and we'd like to thank you for your continuing support during this difficult and uncertain time. If you or your child have any concerns about returning to school, or if you think your child might need extra support when they return, please get in touch with the class teacher via the remote learning platforms or just email admin@fairlands.herts.sch.uk .

We'd also like to thank you for all your support in helping your child learn from home. You have done an **AMAZING JOB** and you should be proud of the part you have played in this national effort!

We'll continue to keep in touch if we update our plans or if we need to make changes due to new government guidance.

Kindest regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Staples', with a decorative flourish extending to the right.

Robert Staples
Headteacher