



Fairfields
School

Newsletter

Friday 4th September 2020

**Welcome
back!**

It was so lovely to welcome the children back to school yesterday. All the staff were so pleased to see them coming into school and they all had a great first day. The children are the heart of our school and we really want to make sure they are given the time to settle back in and establish the new structures and routines. If you'd like to discuss anything about your child's return to school please get in touch.

We have already had over 60 families connect with our new Fairfields app, which is brilliant. This is our new way of quickly sharing information with you. If you haven't downloaded the app don't worry. You will receive an email or a text message with a link to download the app. Once downloaded you will need to register. Please make sure you have push notifications switched on as this will be how you are notified of a message. Attached are some instructions and additional information. In the event of significant changes in school due to COVID this will be our main way of sharing updates with you.



We are a healthy eating school. We will be providing fruit and squash for the children at snack time. If you would like your child to have anything additional to this, please send it in. We are a nut free school so please don't send anything with nuts in it due to the allergies of pupils and staff. Thank you



Now the majority of children are back at school full time I am required to monitor their attendance, particularly if a child is persistently absent. Any child will be classed as persistently absent when they have missed 20 days or more at any point during the academic year, which equates to as little as 5 to 7 days each term.



We realise that some absences through illness are unavoidable and will continue to be authorised. Unauthorised Absence is our main concern. If we have concerns about your child's attendance myself or Janice Crane (Family Support Worker) will be in touch to discuss this with you.

For the majority of children, school transport is running quite smoothly. Where you have had problems, please let us know and we will support you in working with school transport to get this sorted. If you brought your child to school, thank you for your patience. From Monday 7th September you will not need to phone the office when you arrive at school. Please let a member of staff in a high-vis jacket know you have arrived and we will radio to school that you are here and a member of staff will meet you at your car. When dropping off please continue to do so between 9.20am and 9.40am. When collecting please arrive between 2.45pm and 2.55pm or at 3.15pm. Between 3pm and 3.15pm we need to load the children on to the buses and taxis as a priority so you may need to wait. We have organised additional parking for you in the main car park.



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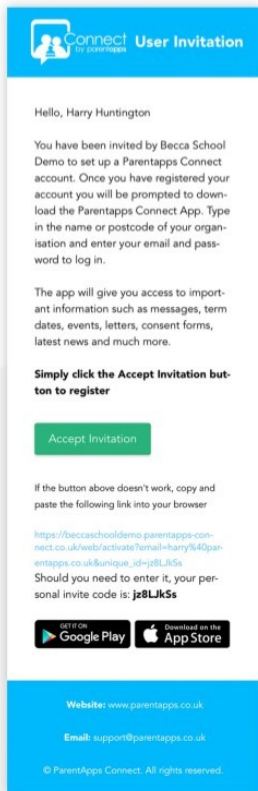
Parent App



Dear Parents,

please follow these steps to **ACTIVATE** your account the first time you use Parentapps Connect. Start by clicking '**Accept Invitation**' on the invitation you received from the school.

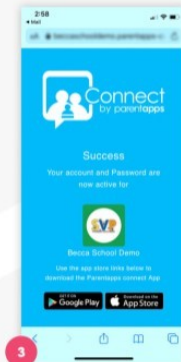
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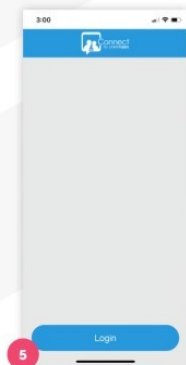
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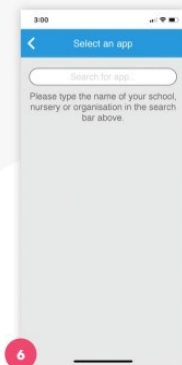
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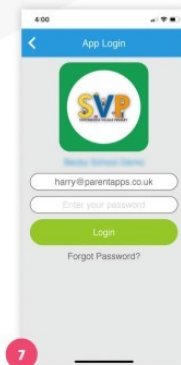
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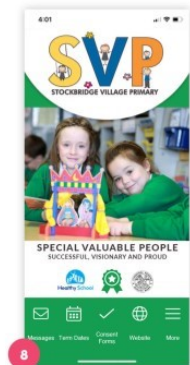
Click 'Login'



Search For Your School



Login Using Your Details



You Are Now Logged In!

Once you have set up your account please go to consent forms and complete the contact details and permissions form.

You can also use the app to:

- Update your details
- Check if your child is entitled to pupil premium funding
- Check the term dates
- Access our website
- Access newsletters and other letters and documents
- Book school dinners through Parent Pay
- Order school uniform through My Clothing

The app is set up with the main contact given to school. You can request up to 4 additional contacts, who will then be able to access the app, once approved.

Any problems or questions please contact Lesley Elder or Katie Cooke