



Fairfields Newsletter

Monday 1st February 2021

National Lockdown

You may have seen in the media that the government are planning on reopening schools on the 8th March. Currently we have had no further information about this from the DfE and don't know what this will look like. After half term we will look at the different options for increasing places in school. This may mean that pupils may need to return on a part time basis to keep numbers low. In our planning we also need to consider the health and safety of our staff and pupils to try and keep the transmission rates of the virus low in school. We will be in touch with you as we work through our plans and discuss this with you where we can.



COVID-19 TESTING



Lateral Flow Device Testing

As a primary school we now have access to Lateral Flow Device testing for our staff in school. These tests are trying to find people who may have no symptoms but are infectious, to break the transmission cycle when people are asymptomatic. We are hoping to introduce this after half term. When a member of staff tests positive with one of these tests they are then required to self isolate and get a COVID test. Although this is another protective measure within school we know that it will have an impact of staffing levels. As a result we may have to close bubbles/classes in response to high levels of staff absence.

Home Learning

Thank you to those of you who have access the home learning resources. It's been lovely to see what the children have been doing at home through evidence for learning. If you need any support with this please get in touch. If you haven't been able to access the resources but would like to please visit go to <https://fairfields.northants.sch.uk/home-working>. The password is 'Fairfields'. If you are struggling with access to technology most of our resources should be accessible on a smart TV or games systems (e.g. playstation) or a tablet.



If your child is at home and they are entitled to free school meals you should have received vouchers through the government scheme. Vouchers are being provided to free school meal children during the half term holiday by Northamptonshire County Council.

We understand how difficult it is when you can't see your family and friends due to lockdown, so we would like to make another video to go on our website using the song 'Here comes the Sun'. It would be lovely to add some photos of the children that are keeping safe at home. If you would like to give consent for a photo of your child to go on the video please email your picture to head@fairfields.northants-ecl.gov.uk.



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SAFE!**