

Fawkham C of E Primary School



Parents as Partners

John Chapter 10 Verse 10 – I came that you may have life; life in all its fullness

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Our Fawkham Family helps everyone to:-

- Follow in the footsteps of God, with God's love, help and guidance,
- Know that we are all special and different and that God has created us in this unique way
- Feel safe, happy and confident in our loving caring Christian family
- Work together through the living out day by day of our Core Christian Values
- Try our best, with the light of Jesus inspiring us to be the best that we can be ensuring that we flourish

DREAM, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE AT FAWKHAM CEP SCHOOL

20th July 2021

Dear Parents,

As we all know, we are now at Step 4 of the country's roadmap out of lockdown. We none of us can foretell what will happen during the summer holidays in terms of impact of further reduction of restrictions, but we are planning for September following the current guidance. So what are our plans? Please find below details of what we will be doing:-

What time is the School Day?

Our school day for all children is 8:55am – 3:05pm. As you know we are operating the 'doughnut' system of drop off. Drop off starts at 8:20am when children enter the front door of the school and go straight to class where their teachers are ready and waiting to welcome them. Children will engage in a range of 'Early Morning Challenges' including mental arithmetic, handwriting, challenges linked to current learning and reading. The school gates close at 8:50am.

Will children have to stay in bubbles?

No. Primary schools are no longer be expected to keep pupils in bubbles. We will therefore have our playtimes and lunchtimes as a school and engage in daily collective worship as a whole Fawkham Family.

Are there any other changes for primary schools?

Not significant ones. Primary school pupils don't have to regularly test nor have there been any expectations for them to wear face coverings. Teachers and other staff will no longer have to wear face coverings in communal areas but will be permitted to do so if they feel more comfortable.

Parents no longer have to wear face coverings when on school site but may choose to do so.

From 16 August, school children will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are a contact of a positive case, nor will staff who have received both vaccinations. Close contacts should take a PCR test and only need to isolate if they test positive.

Teachers and staff will keep on testing twice a week even if fully vaccinated.

What things will be staying the same?

Guidance on hygiene measures, cleaning and keeping classrooms well ventilated will remain, as will local contingency measures if there are significant outbreaks. These may require greater levels of isolation, the reintroduction of face coverings and community testing. Staff here will continue to clean touch spots, toilets and tables/chairs twice a day and windows and doors will be opened to ensure good ventilation.

What will happen if there is a positive case in our school?

From 16 August, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test & Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case. Instead, children will be contacted by NHS Test & Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test. Similarly all adults who have been double vaccinated will no longer have to isolate if they have been identified as a close contact. I will inform our whole Fawkham Family if we have a positive case for information and those deemed close contacts should have a PCR test.

We now draw to a close our academic year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all on behalf of my staff, the governors and myself for the wonderful support that you have given us during this very challenging year. Your emails, positive comments, forbearance and understanding during the year have been invaluable and helped us all to 'keep going'. One hopes that as the coming weeks and months pass that normality will resume for our Fawkham Family, for our country and for the world. Do have a wonderful summer with your children and families and we look forward to seeing you on Thursday September 2nd.

Best wishes,

Miss Bridges

Headteacher

Fawkham CEP School

