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Fitzwaryn

'Through learning to learn, pupils will access society'

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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you have had a wonderful Spring break and have been able to enjoy some of the easing of restrictions.

Thank you to Clair Taylor and her team who ran three very successful days of Fitz Kids activities – from all accounts, fun was had by all!

It has been lovely to welcome more staff and pupils back to school this week following the lifting of shielding letters. Everyone has settled back into school routine well and made a great start to the term.

Your child's class teacher will be in touch very soon to outline some of the activities that will be going on this term.

Our COVID 19 Risk Assessment remains unchanged and is on the website should you need to view it.

It is essential that pupils and staff who are eligible continue with the lateral flow testing regimes. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

We are slowly opening more opportunities for some of our older pupils, under strict Risk Assessment and with parental permissions. Our sixth form pupils will once again go shopping which is an essential part of the curriculum offer. Lower School pupils are delighted to be cooking again this term – I am looking forward to seeing what they create in the kitchen each week!

The majority of our school staff will receive their second vaccination at the beginning of May, I will let you know if staffing levels are adversely affected during this period.



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Unfortunately, we have seen a rise in items, including toys that have been brought in from home that are not necessary for the school day. Please can you limit the items from home to a named book bag/backpack, lunchbox, PE kit, water bottle unless individual permission has been granted.

If you bring your child to school and collect them at the end of the day, please can I remind you that school starts at 9am and finishes at 3.15pm. There have been a number of occasions where pupils have been late for school and/or not collected promptly at the end of the day. In addition, to reduce the amount of people on site, there should only be one parent present. Please do not bring other members of the family onto school site at these busy times as it compromises our ability to keep socially distanced as much as possible.

You will need to leave plenty of time over the next few weeks if you are travelling to and from school by car due to the roadworks at the 'aeroplane roundabout', at the junction of Denchworth Road and Mably Way; we will do our very best to manage the car park as safely and efficiently as possible, thank you for your patience.

Thank you to everyone who has completed the parent questionnaire, your views are always appreciated. If you would still like to complete the questionnaire, we will be sending the same questions out via 'survey monkey' – please look out for it! Alternatively, you can still request a paper copy from the school office.

The government has issued new guidance for the teaching of Sex and Relationships Education in schools. This has always been an important part of the curriculum at Fitzwaryn; we are currently working on some changes that we will be making to our delivery. In the meantime, we will be consulting parents on our policy and curriculum delivery. We will be sending out a parent survey and details in the very near future.

As always, should you have a query or need to discuss anything, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office email.

Best wishes

Stephanie Coneboy
Headteacher