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Welcome to Fairisle Junior School!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to welcome you and your child to **Fairisle Junior School**. We are very much looking forward to working with you as your child begins the next stage of their learning journey with us.

Our school is a vibrant, ambitious and caring community. What makes Fairisle Junior School such an exceptional place is, quite simply, **the children**. They are at the heart of everything we do. We are fully committed to twelve excellent teachers providing the highest standards of education, ensuring consistency, strong routines and a culture where every child can thrive. We set a high bar, reflect on our practice, and work tirelessly to help children reach their full potential. We want every child to leave us academically capable, independent, resilient and with a strong sense of right and wrong. We **Expect Success** of the children and are proud of the high expectations that we have. **Most importantly, we instil in our children their own determination to Expect Success of themselves.**

Staffing

Your child will be supported by a dedicated team, including:

- Headteacher – Robin Hayes
- Deputy Headteacher – Holly Cleveley
- Assistant Headteachers – Abi Saunders & Rachael Woods
- Inclusion Support – Tracey Rankin & Sophie Woodford
- PE Team – Superstar Sports
- Music – Discover the Music

Each Year Group is led by a Year Leader, and of course your child has their own class teacher. They may sometimes move to other teachers in their year group, especially in Maths and English.

Safeguarding

Keeping children safe is of paramount importance. Fairisle Junior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children and expects every member of our community to share this commitment. The Designated Safeguarding Lead is the Headteacher, supported by three fully trained Deputy DSLs (Miss Bessey, Mrs Woods and Mrs Rankin).

Being a parent or carer is not easy and if you ever need help or support do reach out. We are aware these are challenging economic times, and if you need a referral to the food bank please contact the school office, who will let Miss Bessey know.

Wraparound Care

Fairisle Junior School does not provide wraparound care. However, Fairisle Infant & Nursery School does and will drop the children here in the morning and collect them after school. We have no direct involvement in the running of this, so please contact them if you wish to make use of this.

Parking

Parking is not available on site. Traffic around the site is an ongoing issue. The school has no responsibility for public roads. However, if you are driving, we would ask that you park at Sainsbury's or away from the school site and use the subways and paths to reach us.

Behaviour

We expect our children to follow three rules, 'Respect, Ready, Safe'. Our mantra is to tackle all low-level behaviours, to maximise learning time and instil in our children positive attitudes and preparedness for learning. All children should be able to learn in classrooms free of disruption. Our children are polite, respectful and work hard. They feel safe, trust the adults who support them, and understand that any concerns — including bullying — will be dealt with promptly. We are proud of the calm, purposeful atmosphere across our school. These high standards of behaviour are expected to be maintained by children travelling to and from school and on trips or when they represent us. Please read our Behaviour Policy on our website under the policies section for further details.

Mobile Phones & Smart Watches

Children are not permitted to have mobile phones or smart watches in school. This remains the case for the entirety of your child's time in our school, even if they walk home alone. Children should not bring in or use their mobile phones as soon as they enter the school site. The school reserves the right to confiscate mobile phones and return them to parents at the end of the school day. However, if this happens on more than one occasion, the school reserves the right to confiscate the phone for a longer period of time.

School Uniform

All children must be in correct school uniform. Please see the bottom of this letter for all the details. The school currently does sell uniform but this is only whilst stocks last. Our uniform and PE kit is deliberately designed to be cheap and smart. We encourage families to purchase from supermarkets to save money. Branded items can be purchased from Skoolkit either online or at their store in Totton.

Celebration Assembly

Each week we celebrate success through:

- Learners of the Week
- Workers of the Week
- Headteacher's Awards

We love to celebrate achievements outside of school, so if your child has received a certificate, medal or award they can bring this in to share with our whole school.

The School Day

- Doors open at **8:40 a.m.** and school begins at **8:45 a.m.**
- Children enter through their classroom doors on the playground. Staff are available if you need to pass on a message, or you can write in your child's planner.
- Doors close at **8:55 a.m.**; after this time, children must enter via the office.
- School finishes at **3:15 p.m.** To find out more about how children are dismissed from school please view the policies page on our school website.

Home Learning

For all children, daily reading at home is expected. This must be recorded in the school planners. Children are also sent home spellings to learn. Our Year 6 children are set specific homework tasks

Medicines, Allergies and Water

Should your child require prescribed medicine to be in school please contact the school office for an administration of medicines form. If your child has an allergy or medical condition it is essential that we know – please inform the school office if you have not already done so.

Children should bring in their own water bottles, however we do have a supply in school if one is needed. We reserve the right to say that certain bottles are not brought in. By way of example, please do not bring in large 'Stanley' style cups or 'Air Up' bottles or equivalent. The only drink permitted is water.

School Lunches

The cost of a lunch is £3.20 each day and payment can be made in the office or via SCOPAY. A menu is available on our school website or can be collected from the school office. You will be sent details for online payments when your child has started with us.

P.E. & Music

As you may be aware, all teachers are entitled to Planning, Preparation and Assessment Time away from their class. In our school we use Superstar Sports and Discover the Music (external companies) to teach P.E. and Music to release teachers. This year each class will have a morning of P.E. and Music, before returning to afternoon lessons with their class teachers. Importantly, on these days only, children should come into school wearing their P.E. kit, and they will leave at the end of the day wearing their P.E. kit. They do not need to bring their uniform into school. If they do not have the correct P.E. kit, they may not be able to participate, so please ensure they do. Year 4 will have P.E. every Tuesday, Year 3 on Wednesday, Year 5 on Thursday and Year 6 will have their P.E. lessons on Friday.

The wearing of jewellery in P.E. is not allowed. Southampton City Council guidance on this is clear and fully endorsed by the school. Tape cannot be worn to mitigate risk, nor can parents or carers assume the risk that the wearing of jewellery carries. In future, if a child is wearing jewellery, they will not be able to participate in P.E. I have copied the relevant guidance below for your information:

The wearing of jewellery, earring and ear-studs (metal or plastic) should not be permitted on safety grounds during physical education lessons and other sporting activities such as out of hours school learning or competitive fixtures. This includes body piercings such as tongue studs or belly button jewellery.
These items represent a potential hazard not only to the wearer but also to other children. Medical advice confirms that any jewellery worn in physical education lessons is an unnecessary risk and should be avoided at all times. Serious accidents have occurred as a result of contact between pupils wearing earrings or studs and other pupils or equipment, thus damaging the ear, or where items of jewellery have caught in apparatus and torn the ear lobe.
Headteachers are advised to prohibit the wearing of earrings and ear-studs in all aspects of physical activity where these could present a hazard to the wearer and to others.

Children in Year 3 will also learn to swim, details are sent at the time.

Speaking to your Child's Teacher

The best way to speak to your child's teacher is to leave a note in the planner and ask for a call. Alternatively, phone or email the school office, or just pop in. These methods mean that the teacher can speak to you at a time when they are free from distraction and other responsibilities and give the matter the attention it deserves. If needed, they can also arrange a face-to-face meeting at a mutually convenient time. In the morning, urgent messages can be passed on to Senior Leaders or our Inclusion Team (Mrs Rankin and Mrs Woodford) on the doors.

You will receive a termly report from your child's class teacher. A parent's evening is held in the Autumn term and in the summer you will have an opportunity to visit to see your child's work.

School Uniform

The letter before the holiday outlined our expectations around school uniform. Please ensure your children are in the correct uniform and have the correct PE kit. We deliberately have an affordable school uniform, it is not necessary to spend large

sums on branded footwear and we encourage uniform to be purchased in supermarkets. Please help us by sending your child to school in the correct uniform to give all our children a sense of belonging. The correct uniform is at the bottom of this letter.

Children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

Mrs Woods is our Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for Inclusion. Over the coming days children will be assessed and placed on the most suitable interventions. In the coming weeks, teachers will meet with all families to work collaboratively on the children's Individual Education Plans and set targets.

Pupil Contact Details

If you have any new contact numbers, (especially mobile numbers) please do let our admin team know. Safeguarding guidance expects schools to seek at least two contacts for each child in case of emergency. Please also make sure that we have an up to date email address for you so that we can email you copies of newsletters and letters from your child's teacher.

Attendance and Punctuality

Children should attend every day they are well enough to. We monitor attendance closely and provide regular reports. Term-time holidays are not authorised, and penalty notices may be issued for unauthorised absences. Forms must be completed for any leave of absence – these can be obtained from the school office. We also reward excellent attendance through our famous **'In It to Win It'** events. Please ensure children are collected promptly at the end of the day.

After-School Clubs

After-School clubs are either free of charge or come at a small fee and typically change every term. We write to parents and carers at the start of each term and you can sign up for these, subject to availability.

Curriculum & Trips

To find out what your child will learn at school, please see our website, which has comprehensive information. Year leaders will also be writing to parents with details of trips for the year in due course.

Helping Your Child Succeed

Your support makes a huge difference. A successful start to our school is built on:

- Working together as a team
- Establishing good routines
- Wearing correct uniform
- Positive communication
- Encouragement
- Strong attendance and punctuality
- Giving your child time to settle — even if they don't talk much about school - this is completely normal!

We are excited to welcome your child to Fairisle Junior School and look forward to a happy and successful time ahead.

Kind regards,



Robin Hayes
Headteacher

Our School Uniform

Years 3, 4 and 5

In Years 3, 4 and 5, we wear:

- ✓ White or red polo shirt
- ✓ Red jumper or cardigan
- ✓ Black or grey trousers, shorts, skirt or pinafore dress
- ✓ **Plain black shoes or trainers** (white soled shoes are not permitted)



Sandals, open -toed shoes and crocs are not permitted.
Jersey/sports shorts and trousers are also not permitted.

Mobile Phones



No children are allowed a mobile phone on the school site.

Watches

The only watches allowed are analogue and digital watches. Smart watches are not permitted.



The only logo permitted is our school logo.

Uniform is for sale in our school office.

Our School Uniform

Summer

In the summer, we can wear:

- ✓ Red and white gingham dress or playsuit
- ✓ **Plain black shoes or trainers** (white soled shoes are not permitted)
- ✓ Tailored plain black or grey shorts
- ✓ Plain black cycling short with **no logos or branding.** These length of these must be mid-thigh to knee. Very short gym shorts are unsuitable unless they are worn under skirts or dresses



Year 6

In Year 6, we wear the same apart from the jumpers or cardigans, which are black.



Year 6

Our School Uniform



Not permitted – white sole



Permitted



Not permitted – black and white



Permitted



Not permitted – coloured logos and sole



Permitted



Not permitted – dark grey and black



Permitted



Not permitted – sandals



Not permitted – Crocs

Our P.E. Kit



P.E.

For P.E. we are expected to have a change of clothes and footwear.

In the summer, we wear:

- ✓ Plain red or white t-shirt
- ✓ Black shorts
- ✓ Trainers

In the winter, we wear:

- ✓ Plain red or white t-shirt
- ✓ Black tracksuit bottoms
- ✓ Black tracksuit top
- ✓ Trainers

Jewellery

The only jewellery children are allowed to wear are stud earrings. These **must** be removed for P.E. lessons.

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