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# Fairisle Junior School

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## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Families,

Firstly, I would like to welcome everybody back to school after the summer break. Just to remind everyone that we start at **8.45am** every morning and the children need to arrive between 8.40am and 8.45am to ensure they are in class and ready to learn at the start of every day. School finishes at 3.15pm and children must be collected promptly. Please [see this link](#) for our end of day procedure with respect to collecting children and children walking home alone.

Today the children been given their new planner as well as all the equipment they will need for the year. It is vital that your child reads with an adult at home and that the planner is signed and is brought into school every day.

As always, 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.

### 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. We will provide all our new Year 3 children with a water bottle to use as an option. 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 Priorities

Yesterday, senior and middle leaders presented on priorities for the year ahead and just how much difference an individual teacher can make to the progress of children in their class. The learning and progress of our children is our absolute priority. We will continue to work on

challenge for our most able children, adapting learning for children with SEND, middle leadership and teacher instruction.

## **Attendance**

Children should attend school every day subject to them being well enough. We will be continuing to celebrate good attendance this year, with our famous 'In It to Win It' days each half term. Mrs Saunders leads on school attendance and punctuality and will work with and support families, don't hesitate to contact her if you need anything, no matter how small or difficult the problem may seem. Please note we always issue penalty notices for unauthorized absences, which includes all holidays.

## **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.*

## **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.

## **Staff News**

Congratulations to our Teaching Assistant Mrs Hall on the birth of her son Ernest. Also, congratulations to Miss Cooper (now Mrs Elkins) on her marriage over the summer. Mrs Cleveley has taken up her role as Deputy Headteacher, and Mrs Saunders her role as Assistant Headteacher, with responsibility for Behaviour and Culture.

## **'Respect, Ready, Safe' at Fairisle Junior School**

Today we reminded all the children about *Respect, Ready, Safe*, which is designed to make our school a happier place for everyone, where all children can learn free of distraction and time is not wasted. We have also re-affirmed our expectations regarding behaviour and the quality of everything done by the children and adults in our school. We are looking forward to a really productive and positive year. The biggest impact on behaviour is when schools and families work together to support one another.

## **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.

## **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.

## **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.

## **Celebrating Success**

Every Friday the school comes together to celebrate the achievements of our children. Every class has a worker of the week and a learner of the week. We also hand out Headteacher's awards. We are always keen to celebrate the achievements of children outside of school, so if they have any medals, certificates or trophies they can drop them into the office to be presented back to them during Friday's assembly.

## **Safeguarding**

I am the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) and have overall responsibility for safeguarding in our school. I am supported by three Deputy DSLs, Miss Bessey, Mrs Woods and Mrs Rankin. Safeguarding comes first at our school and we will do whatever is required to keep our children safe and happy.

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.

## **School Lunches**

The cost of a lunch remains at £3.20 each day and payment can be made in the office or via SCOPAY. Remember this week is Week 3 of the menu. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind all parents and families that we are a nut-free school. To find out more about and to apply for free school meals please [follow this link](#).

## **Message to Year 6 Parents**

The secondary transfer portal for Year 6 parents is now open and all applications for next September's Year 7 **must be made by Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October**. Please come and speak with a member of our admin team if you need any help with making an application. [Visit the SCC website to make an application.](#)

## **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.

## **Mobile Phones and Smart Watches**

Children are not permitted to have mobile phones or smart watches in school. 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.

Finally, myself and all the team are here to help at any point this year. We look forward to supporting your children over the course of the year and are committed to the very highest educational standards in our school.

Very best wishes,



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)



Years 3, 4 and 5

**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. 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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