



Dear Parents and Carers

We are delighted to welcome back our pupils in the Nursery and in classes P1-3. As a result of our high number of pupils attending as key worker or vulnerable children, we are also able to welcome back a full complement of pupils in the P3-5 class.



That means we have all our pupils from Nursery to P5 attending on Monday the 22nd of February.

Please remember to bring along your empty home learning case when you return to school, and any reading books you have at home.

Pupils in P6/7



P6/7 will remain as they are until the next update from the government in March. This will mean that only key worker and vulnerable children will attend sessions in school as they do already. All other P6/7 pupils will be working remotely at home. However, we are excited to say that this provision will change and will be more socially interactive with live classroom sessions. All details will be communicated to P6/7 pupils as soon as it is organised.

Changes to Risk Assessment

In line with changing protocol, and to make sure we keep everyone safe and aware of the changes, we have updated our school risk assessment and it is available to read on the school website.

One of the big changes which will support a safe environment is the self-testing all staff will undergo twice a week. Other practices are the same as before Christmas, with the classes in bubbles and in separate zones in the playground.



Pick-up Area / Mask on Bus / Playground Zones

We will be continuing with the same pick-up routine, where classes will be taken out by a member of staff and will wait to be collected in the safe area marked off by cones in the car park.

Pupils who are on the bus and 5 years old and over will also need to make sure they are wearing masks on the bus for the full journey.

Our first zone for each class will be on a board at the bike shelter and a member of staff will be there to help if you are unsure.

If the weather is poor, the children will be brought into school to wait quietly in the classrooms.



Staffing Updates



We wish Mrs Drever well as she goes on maternity leave, and we are pleased to welcome a new member of staff to the team very soon, when the appointment has been finalised.

We are grateful that Mrs Hay has been working with P1-3 this term and she will be able to remain with the class until our new teacher begins.

Hi-Vis Vests

As the daylight is now longer, we can collect in the hi-vis vests if they are washed and returned to the class teacher, that would be super.



Friends of Firth School

We would like to say thank you to our FoFS for all their support throughout these very changeable times, it is really invaluable to have a school community which is so positive and encouraging.



We are now in the position of having two vacancies in the committee roles and would be delighted if we could have volunteers to join the group and be part of the creation and development of some really exciting new ventures for the school. Or, if you would just like to be part of the FoFS and get to know what is happening a little better and contribute with your time and thoughts, that would also be splendid.

Firth School Community Project

At the moment we are underway with our community project to create fantastic outdoor learning spaces for the advantage of everyone.

We are hoping that everyone has had a chance to think about the project over the lockdown period and have some contributions to make on the booklets we sent home in the home learning packs.

We would be delighted if you could bring along the booklets on your return to school so we can use the ideas to help the pupils with creating the next steps for the project.



Thank you and Best Wishes

From Emma and The Firth Staff Team