



Fairview School March Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer

Hard to believe that Easter is nearly upon us! Another quick term!

As before a huge thanks to all the staff and pupils at Fairview who have been incredibly resilient and flexible in the face of continued staff absences. Many thanks to all parents and carers for continuing to support the school and follow all the guidance to keep us all safe.

Please keep in contact with the school through fairview@pkc.gov.uk if you are needing to isolate or have any other COVID related information. The office is open from 0830 daily but the answer machine is available 24/7 (01738 473050). By giving us advance warning about any absences or appointments, this allows us to make sure classes are staffed appropriately across the whole school, thank you for continuing to do this.

As always the pupils continue to amaze and inspire us with their learning, flexibility and resilience and are continuing to enjoy developing their skills for life, learning and work across the school, the school grounds and out in the community.

Lots of good news stories and information in this edition, so please enjoy and do not hesitate to get in touch with any queries.

Many thanks for all your support.

Leigh Verdot

Headteacher

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Parental Involvement Survey



Parental Involvement and Engagement Census

Parents/Carers - we would like to know how you feel about involvement with Fairview. A new national survey asks about your involvement and engagement with your child's school and their learning. The information gathered will help the school, local authority and Scottish Government fully understand the views of parents and carers and plan how school involvement and engagement with learning can be improved.

Use this link to complete the survey <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/URCGWV/>

If your children attend different schools you are welcome to complete the survey for each school.

More information can be found at: <https://www.gov.scot/publications/parental-involvement-and-engagement-census/>

Thank you for your time

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Mitigations in school



At present there will be no major reductions in the mitigations in schools, this includes visitors to the school, these must still be for essential reasons only.

Good news though we have been able to go back to our (almost) pre-COVID timetables so pupils are really enjoying being out and about in the school and working with different specialist staff. This has been lovely to see.

We are also able to support transition visits for P1s and any new pupils starting at Fairview so will be doing this after Easter.

We are expecting further updates in the coming week or so will keep you up to date and fingers crossed we will be able to welcome families back in school soon.

Asymptomatic testing to reduce COVID-19 risks.



Secondary pupils are being advised to take at-home COVID-19 tests before they return to school to limit the spread of Omicron.

Those without symptoms should do a lateral flow device (LFD) test the night before or on the morning of the return to classes following the festive break. After that, testing should be done twice weekly.

All LFD test results - positive, negative or void – should be recorded via the online portal.

Staff in schools and early learning and childcare settings should follow the same advice.

Anyone who receives a positive LFD test result must self isolate immediately and record the result and follow public health guidance. There is no need now to go for a PCR test to confirm.

Anyone who is identified as a high risk close contact must take a LFD test which returns a negative result before returning to any activity (this test must be repeated and recorded over the next 7 days to ensure all negative results are obtained). This may mean that a pupil (or staff member) identified as a high risk close contact could be asked to leave the school building to get that negative LFD before returning. We appreciate this may be frustrating but this is what needs to happen.

All LFD test results should be recorded via the [online digital reporting portal](#)

Anyone with new symptoms of COVID 19 MUST take a PCR as soon as possible, a LFD test is not an alternative in this case, a negative PCR would need to be obtained before returning to school.

Please contact the school should you wish LFD test kits or they can be ordered online [Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)

Primary pupils may choose to take part using the link above to order test kits.

We thank you for your support with this, as this is a major mitigation in stopping the spread of COVID within our school.

For further information please see [Returning to school safely - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](https://www.gov.scot/returning-to-school-safely)

Main symptoms of COVID have not changed



[Does my child need a COVID-19 test? | Parent Club](#)

The main symptoms remains the same, however, often people are finding that with Omicron symptoms are milder and more cold like, we are often hearing about a sore throat as being a first symptom. We will continue to take advice from public health and will advise if this symptom list changes. All we can ask is that everyone is vigilant and children and young people only attend school if well enough to be there. This will help stop the spread of COVID but also other winter illnesses and help keep everyone safe, keep staff numbers up and reduce the need for unnecessary isolations.

We appreciate your help with this and do not underestimate the challenges faced by the families of our pupils and our staff.

Children and young people presenting or developing COVID symptoms will be sent home immediately and should be collected as soon as possible. Please ensure emergency contact information is kept up to date.

Many thanks for your help.

Wrap up warm



Ventilation is a key mitigation to reducing the spread of COVID, as such, windows and doors will be open (as required) and pupils will be outside as much as possible. Please ensure pupils are dressed for the weather and are warm.

Traffic Exclusion Zone



As you will be aware a letter was sent out with information at the beginning of the week. These letters will be followed up with future correspondence which will outline the process for obtaining a permit should you need one. Please note that Blue Badge holders will be exempt from applying for a permit and can access the zone without any permit. The school will also have guest permits available for the one off visit at peak times. More information will follow soon but all should run smoothly and make the campus a much safer place for all.

Rights Respecting School Silver Award



We did it!!!! We are not a Silver Rights Respecting School - the feedback was that the journey to Gold will be short as we had so much evidence and were doing so much. Well done to the whole school for taking part and especially to Yvonne and Jemma for taking a lead with the pupil council.

On our journey to Gold we will be wanting to involve our families more - so watch this space.

Clown Doctors



We are now into Block 2 with the Clown Doctors and our report for continued funding has been submitted. We have been getting really positive feedback from pupils, staff and families. I will keep you updated.

Funding GOOD NEWS STORIES



We were awarded £3000 from Foundation Scotland to purchase a second outdoor trampoline - we are delighted.

The Early Years Inclusion Fund has granted money to the nursery to purchase a Promethean board - we cannot wait.

4 classes worth of Ipads are on order and should be arriving soon from the Kilt Walk money to test out the capability of our current WiFi system. Once this has been checked we will roll out to all other classes! Exciting times. Teaching staff have been attending training to develop their skills in relation to literacy and numeracy with CALL Scotland in preparation and all staff will be offered accessibility training to make sure we are all as up to date as possible for using the Ipads and other technologies.

We received notification yesterday that we have been successful in securing the next round of funding for the continued development of our relevant curriculum in developing numeracy skills for life. We are being supported by Peter Imray who will be visiting the school to carry out observations in class on the 22nd of March. We are working closely with Kingspark school in Dundee which is a great opportunity to further develop our links.

Dress down day raising money for Ukraine



I am sure that you are all aware of the situation in Ukraine and have been affected by it as many have. As a school community we feel the need to send support in whatever way we can to innocent people who have been trying to go about the daily lives and currently are unable to. There are many ways in which people across Scotland, the UK and the world have been trying to do this and we have decided that the best way for us to be a part of this wider community is to have a dress down or dress up day on

FRIDAY 18TH March 2022.

On this day your young person can dress in whatever clothes they choose to – whether this is their uniform, their comfy clothes, dressed for a party or in a fancy dress costume, we want to hear their voices through their clothing choices. As this is to raise funds for Ukraine we are asking for a donation made through ParentPay which will then be donated to the Disasters Emergency Committee (<https://www.dec.org.uk/>) which works with multiple charities that provide important aid to those who are in need.



Staffing updates



We are delighted to let you know of the permanent appointments of Claire Beatson and Clara Smith to our Principal Teacher posts. Claire will be link PT for Early Years and Clara for Senior Phase and achievement. Thank you to Ann France, Chair of the Parent Council for supporting the recruitment of our PTs.

We are sad to say goodbye to Gillian Ballingal who has been our Learning Resource Assistant for many, many years and will be a well known face to many. Gillian is not going too far away as she is going to take a PSA role at Viewlands Primary School - we wish her the very, very best.

Similarly, Louise Pritchett from Room 4 is also leaving but equally not going too far away as she will take up a role within the nursing team at Fairview. Congratulations to all in your new posts. Aimee Higginbottom will be taking on this role in room 4.

The appointments of the 2 PTs means we now will have 2 permanent teacher vacancies so will keep you updated about that.

There has been appointments made to the nursing team to replace Gayle and Lorna (Louise has taken one of these roles and we will introduce the other appointment in the next newsletter).

Community Investment Funding - for parents **ANOTHER SUPER OPPORTUNITY**



AIR THRILL

Our parent council has funding from the Community Investment Fund to help promote recovery from the pandemic and promote new opportunities for our families to mix and support one another.

As part of this initiative, we would like to offer a free A.S.N. peaceful play taster session at “AirThrill” to our Fairview pupils including the nursery (children must be 4years or over) on -

Thursday 17th March at 5.30pm -6.45pm or Sunday 20th March at 10am -11.15am

and

Thursday 24th March at 5.30pm-6.45pm or Sunday 27th March at 10am- 11.15 am

What is “AirThrill”?

“AirThrill”, Perth’s superb inflatable adventure park is 220square metres of high energy bounce filled fun! Our amazing inflatable boasts obstacle courses, slides galore, warrior wall, air mountain, wipe out and much, much more. The custom- built parks are suitable for guests of all ages and abilities to enjoy. The open jump ticket gives each guest 75 minutes of uninterrupted access to all attractions including inflatable assault course, freestyle trampolines, airbags, dodgeball, basketball, mini football and much more.

The A.S.N. sessions feature no music and reduced lighting to avoid glare. Carers also go free during these sessions. There’s no warm- up at the start of the session, we don’t give out participant wristbands as we would during a ‘normal’ jump session and there’s a limit on how many people can attend in a session (so it will never be too busy).

Where is it?

“AirThrill” is on the right hand side of Noah’s Ark in the bowling alley part of the complex, and you can park in the smaller carpark first right as you arrive, Old Gallows Rd, Perth PH1 1QE phone [01738 445568](tel:01738445568)

Anything else I need to know?

Please read the safety information especially relating to **section 17** which relates to physical health conditions at <https://airthrill.co.uk/visit-perth/customer-safety-information-perth/>

Please could adult and child sign waver form in advance at, <https://roller.app/airthrillperth/waiver/>

Frequently asked questions at <https://airthrill.co.uk/visit-perth/perth-faq/>

We ask that you do not bring siblings to this session as this time is specifically for children who have additional support needs. Children must be supervised by an adult at all times.

Unfortunately, this activity is not suitable for wheelchair users. We will be looking at other activities which hopefully will be more suited to those groups. Also, if anyone who cannot access this activity and has an alternative activity, please let me know and I will see what I can do. Some pupils may require two carers in order to safely access AirThrill. Please let me know and I will organise this so that extra carers will not be charged.

If you are interested in free taster sessions at “Air Thrill” please email Lindsey Harris at lharris@pkc.gov.uk with your name and your child’s name or text me at 07825455438 and I will get back to you.

Places are limited so please reply before 5pm on Monday 14th March. Thank you.



Work experience and further family opportunity



‘Well done to the four S6 pupils who have completed a six week work experience at Letham St Marks Church Café, we saw great progression in their hospitality skills during their placement. The regular customers at the café enjoyed getting to know our pupils and the café staff team have been very supportive. It has been lovely to see some of our Fairview parents and carers enjoying a coffee and chat too.’

Please note it's too late to pop in to the Cafe for a FREE tea or coffee and a bacon roll or slice of traybake - just mention Fairview at the till. (Tuesday 10am - 1pm Letham Saint Marks)



Look out on Seesaw for a new family engagement activity starting in March - think Mindfulness! This will be now in the form of a taster session at the next Parent Council Meeting on the 30th March 7.15/7.30pm



Fairview Celebrates World Book Day







ECO SCHOOLS



Room 4 would like to share with everyone that they have been making their own paper as part of our reduce, reuse and recycle topic. We shredded old bits of scrap paper, turned it into mulch by blending it up with some water and then we flattened it out using a flat sieve and squashed as much water out of it as we could. We then had to wait for it to dry out overnight before we could use it.





Winter Weather Procedures



It is important parents/carers are aware of the winter weather procedures we adhere to.

In the unlikely event that the school has to close due to severe weather, parents/carers will be informed via Seesaw and Groupcall. If we have to close during the school day, the school will remain open until all the children have been collected. We may have to send staff home due to road conditions so children may be mixed and kept in one location to ensure we have enough staff to supervise.

Please note taxi companies may make their own decisions.

Other sources of information will be the school website, Twitter, Radio Tay and PKC website [here](#)

School Improvement Plan - as always we will be in touch soon to ask you to evaluate our plan and help us plan for next steps with our improvement plan and how we spend our Pupil Equity Funds - your help with this is always hugely appreciated.



Please see our Improvement plan for session 2021-22. [Updated School Improvement Plan Session 2021-22 | Fairview School \(glowscotland.org.uk\)](#)

This has been created based on our evaluation from this year, data on pupil progress and initiatives that have been proposed by the local authority.

The Standards and Quality Report (2020-21) can be found [Quality Improvement Plan 2021-22 | Fairview School \(glowscotland.org.uk\)](#)

Dates for Your Diary



Session 2021-22

Wednesday 30 March - Parent Council via Zoom 7.15/7.30

Friday 1 April - Easter holidays 3pm/3.30pm

Tuesday 18 April - Term 4

Wednesday 25 May- Parent Council AGM via Zoom 7.15/7.30

Thursday 2 June - Holiday

Friday 3 June - Holiday

Thursday 30 June - Summer holiday 12 noon

Contact Us...



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