



FOREFIELD MATTERS

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Welcome Back!

I hope that our first two days have provided some reassurance and helped to ease everyone's worries. The children have been remarkable! I have been so impressed by how well they have quickly adapted to the new routines and worked together, with staff, to create a calm, safe environment. It was inevitable that Thursday would be an anxious time as we finally reopened our doors and gates to all pupils, especially our new Year 3 children. Within a few hours FJS sounded like a school again! We have missed the sound of children playing and have loved seeing their beaming smiles, shiny new shoes and smart uniform! Thank you parents for ensuring they are on time and in the right place every day. It will get easier!

Attendance

The government have clearly stated that their aim is to see all pupils back in school from September and therefore attendance is mandatory.

We have seen the vast majority of our children in school this week – unfortunately, some have been unable to return due to the 'quarantine' rules that the government have put in place following holidays to specific countries.

Obviously, children do become ill (especially during the winter months) so please continue to notify the school office if your child is absent. Thank you

Please ensure that your child has their own (named) water bottle and packed lunch. Bags are allowed in school, but we are encouraging children to keep their use to a minimum. On 'Games' days, children should arrive in their kit and do not need to change into uniform.

Uniform does not have to be washed daily.

Dropping off/collecting

We are very fortunate to have several access points to our school grounds and together with staggered start/finish times and classes using different entry points we have tried to minimise the potential for large groups gathering outside school. To aid us further, please:

- 1) Limit to 1, the number of adults accompanying a child to school.
- 2) Where possible, find a space to wait away from others (this is easier on the playground).
- 3) If waiting for Entry Points 1 or 6 stay close to the school railings so that other pedestrians can use the pavement on Forefield Lane.
- 4) Avoid standing in the road.
- 5) With 360 pupils we don't have much flexibility with timings – but please contact school if you have a problem that we can help you with.