



# Fair Field Junior School

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## Virtual School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the past few days, the staff at Fair Field have been working hard to put together our virtual return to school. As you are aware, the children engaged successfully during the first lockdown through Google Classroom and by using our supporting learning packs. This time our offer will be evolving to include live teaching on top of uploaded learning and resources. More recently, both Year 3 and Year 6 have accessed this type of learning and we have found it to be very beneficial for the children during these unprecedented times. Your child should be familiar with their Google Classroom log in, which has been used for setting homework and was also used to view the Carol Concerts and Year 4 Pantomime. Please contact the school office if you are struggling to gain access, who will direct your query to me. We can remind children of log in details and reset passwords if required.

Lessons will begin on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January**. The day will start with a live registration where attendance will be recorded. Please can I make it clear that attendance is expected by all. Children are also expected to be dressed appropriately, ie. not in their pyjamas! Where possible we would like you to encourage your children to wear their school jumper or cardigan to the live lessons.

During the previous lockdown the focus was revising and consolidating previous learning with very few new concepts being introduced. This time teaching will continue to be as close to what we would offer if we were together in the school building, therefore the curriculum will continue and new concepts will be taught. Work will be marked and progress expected. We will also be keeping a record of work completed. All the children will be receiving the same input and joining the same live lessons regardless of if they are in school as part of the Key worker group or at home.

To support online learning, as before, each child will be receiving a Home Learning Pack. These packs include a mix of subject areas and have been created to be completed over the 2 weeks. They follow the daily timetable set by the class teacher and support each lesson. We ask that the packs are kept so that the children can return to school with them for feedback. Please do not worry if your child makes mistakes when completing their learning – this is a part of everyday learning!

### **How we will be running Google Classroom:**

#### **The live lessons**

- There will be 3 live lessons each day. These will be taught in classes as much as possible, however there will be occasions where children will come together as a year group. There will also be assemblies twice a week from myself.
- As with the Google Meets in the initial lockdown, there will be a link for your child to click on and join the lesson. It is important that whilst they join just promptly they do not join more than 5 minutes before the start time. If they do they will be asked to leave.
- The live input from teachers will last approx. 20 minutes. A task will then be set for your child to complete linked to the teaching. Once completed the work needs to be submitted onto Google Classroom for marking on the same day. This can be done by uploading a photograph.



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- The live lessons ( English, maths, foundation ) will be recorded and available on Google Classroom until 4 pm on Sunday to allow some flexibility if adults are working from home or siblings need to access the computer as well.
- We will ask your child to mute themselves during the live teaching so that everyone can hear. The staff may ask children to answer question and they can therefore unmute as needed.
- In Google Classroom, there is a year group stream. This will be closed next week. If the children have a query they can use the assignment to contact the teacher.

## **Resources needed and activities set**

- In the classwork section, there are tabs for each day, these will contain any resources you may need. These do not need to be printed off and can be used from the computer screen and copied onto paper
- Activities will be set for different ability levels. The children are experienced in picking their own level of challenge in class based on their confidence – please discuss this with your child. You can pick a different one each day based on the task set.
- Please come to sessions with your learning pack, a pencil and some paper.

## **Timings for the live lessons**

Years 5 & 6	
9.00	Registration ( log on and stay on for the English lesson)
9:10	English
11.00	Maths
1:20	Registration
1:30	Foundation subject

Years 3 & 4	
9:30	Registration ( log on and stay on for the English lesson)
9:40	English
11.20	Maths
1:50	Registration
2:00	Foundation subject

Live lesson times have been set with the understand of difficulties that live online learning may pose for some families. We understands some will clash with sibling times in other schools. Hopefully, recording of the sessions will alleviate some of the pressures. Please let me know of any struggles so I can help.

## **Additional information**

- The stop and read sessions are taking place at the end of the day. These are pre-recorded and follow through a class text. They are a really “normal” way for your child to finish off their day of learning.
- Our virtual library is available to all children, it is full of great links, videos of staff reading stories and challenges.



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If you need to make contact with your child's own class teacher please do this via the class email address. Please can I remind you that class email addresses have not been set up as a dialogue between parents and the class teacher. Please do not send messages unless absolutely essential as more days than most teachers are also in school teaching. If you need to email your child's teacher, please allow up to 48hours for a response which will only be sent if it is needed. Staff will always strive to do their best but will not be continuously checking the messages.

We hope that this will be short term however we will continually evaluate and adapt as needed. If you have any issues logging in or any questions about Google Classroom please email the school office – [admin@fairfield.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@fairfield.herts.sch.uk) and we will contact you.

If you have any worries please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

Please look after each other and stay safe.

Best wishes

Kind Regards

Mrs Goodwin  
Head of School