



Dear Parents/Carers,

Planning for September

Many of you will be aware that this week the Government has published its plans for returning to school in September. All pupils are expected to return and we anticipate running our three classes in their usual classrooms with everyone attending on 5 days a week. We consider this to be very good news and hope you will too.

Obviously things will continue to seem a little bit different. Each class will operate as a 'Bubble' and, as such, have little interaction with pupils from different 'Bubbles'. This will mean individual areas of the playground for playtimes and classes will be eating lunches on a rota basis in the hall. Free school lunches will be provided once more, along with fruit and milk for playtimes. Each night the school will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized and we have increased our cleaning hours to ensure all areas are cleansed with antibacterial products every day.

We will continue to operate a staggered arrival and departure system to enable parents to maintain social distancing as they either drop off or pick up their children. The school starting times and finishing times may need to change slightly to reflect this but more details will be supplied later. The school will continue provide hand sanitizing gel in every classroom for staff and pupils will be washing their hands for 20 seconds at regular times throughout the day. Neither staff or pupils will be expected to wear PPE face coverings.

We are also pleased to inform you that we will be providing additional teaching support for pupils who may require any catch up following the lockdown period and time not in school. This will be in the form of one to one tuition or small group work.



How we currently work – Year 1



How we currently work – Year 2

We are also being advised that pupils will need to sit in a more formal arrangement than we did previously, prior to lockdown. Initially, on our return in September, children will not sit in small clusters where they face each other, but instead, side by side in rows so they all face the teacher.

Tables facing the front in Years 1 and 2 are illustrated in the photos above.

Return of School Reading Books

Throughout the lockdown period we have tried very hard to encourage families to keep reading with their children and have supplied you with a weekly allocation of books from our reading scheme. However, over the summer break all our reading books are sorted, catalogued, audited and prepared for next year's classes so it is absolutely vital that all reading material is returned to school by **Friday 17th July** at the very latest. Please note, the last allocation of weekly reading material will be made on Monday 6th July/Thursday 9th July.

Please can all parents also check at home to see whether you have any of the school's library books. These should also be returned by Friday 17th July.

End of Term Date

Please would all parents note the changes to our end of term. In order to facilitate a farewell occasion for our Year 2 pupils, and to keep everyone safely distanced, the last day of term for Reception and Year 1 will be **Monday 20th July**. The day will end at the usual time of 2:45 – 3:00pm. Year 2 pupils will finish at lunchtime, one day later on 21st July. Weather permitting, Year 2 parents are invited to watch our farewell presentations to Year 2 pupils at 11:15. Hopefully, we can hold this outside where we have plenty of space to keep everyone socially distanced.

Sticky Fun in Reception!

Children in our Reception groups have had such fun this week! In their 'Animals' topic they have been learning all about owls and have enjoyed the story of 'Owl Babies' by author Martin Waddell. Look at their wonderful creations! So owl-like!



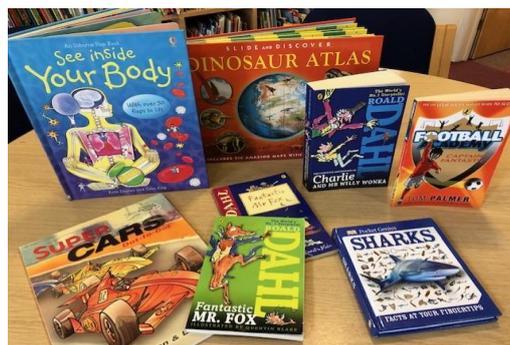
Collection of Pupils Annual Reports and Pupils Work Books

Annual reports will be ready for collection from Monday 13th July. Parents are welcome to collect these from school or, if your child is in school on that day, the report will be available for them to bring home in their book bags. Pupils who attend on Thursdays and Fridays can either bring them home at the end of the day or parents can collect them on Monday 13th if they prefer.

Likewise, teachers will be making pupils work books available at the same times. These are lovely documents to have, showing the learning that has taken place whilst your child has been in school.

Lovely Book Donation

It is always lovely to hear news of ex-pupils and we were delighted this week when Jake Tober paid a visit to the school to donate a few of his favourite books to the school library. Jake had 3 very happy years at the school and left us in 2014. It was so nice to catch up and see how well he has been doing. He was always a very sporty pupil here at Fulmer so we were thrilled to hear he has further developed his passion for golf and will be taking up golf training in America!



Please Help the School with 'Easyfundraising'

On several occasions we have asked parents to help the school financially either by making a contribution towards our school fund or by supporting Friends of Fulmer events. There is, of course, a third way and it is so easy!

Please would all parents consider using 'Easyfundraising' when making on-line purchases?

In previous years we have raised in the region of £1000 and it is pure profit for the school. This is such a painless way to raise money for the school and our budget is very tight so please read the instructions below and remember to use the account for any shopping you do online; over 3,000 retailers have signed up to the account!

All you have to do is:

1. Go to: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/invite/EG93VX/LDD5US>
(Please cut this out and stick it to your computer for easy reference)
2. Enter Fulmer Infant School in the search box
3. Click Join Us and enter your details and then click on Create My Account
4. Choose from over **3,000 retailers, do your online shopping as normal** and our cause will receive a free donation at no extra cost to you for every purchase you make

There are no catches or hidden charges and the school will be really grateful for your donations.

Next year we are hoping to supplement our Music resources with new chime bars and to supplement our reading scheme with new books. All fundraising is SO important!

Important Diary Dates



Here are the dates with latest information regarding events scheduled in the second half of the term:-

Monday 20th July – Term Ends for Reception & Year 1 – Please note the change of date

Tuesday 21st July – Term Ends for Year 2 – Farewell Party 9:15 – 12:00 with parental presentation at 11:15. There will be an optional picnic lunch, in family groups, on King Georges Field afterwards.

Wednesday 2nd September – School Re-opens for the Autumn Term – All pupils are expected to return. New Reception children will have received their visit and start times.

Taking Temperatures on Arrival at School

In the light of the easing of lockdown restrictions this weekend, and looking at the latest advice for schools from the government, staff will no longer be taking the children's temperatures on arrival in school each morning from Monday 6th July.

We would recommend that parents now do this at home prior to arriving at school as requested in our latest Home/School Agreement. Any pupil showing a temperature of 37.5 or above should not be in school as this is a high result for a child. Please wait 30 minutes and do a subsequent test to confirm the temperature. If it becomes lower naturally then please bring your child to school. If it remains the same or goes higher, then please stay at home to monitor, or consult your GP.

And Finally.....

As we rapidly approach the end of term, we really hope you, and all your loved ones, are staying well and keeping safe. Thank you all for your continued support of the school, especially through these very difficult and challenging times.

With our very best wishes,

Mrs Cathy Hunt and Mrs Tracey Dowsing
Co- Headteachers

