

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have been delighted to welcome all of the children back to school. Despite things being a little different they have all settled back into school life exceptionally well. The systems we have put in place are working well. If and when government guidance changes we will keep you informed.

JOB VACANCIES

We are currently looking to recruit two mid-day supervisors. The mid-day supervisor role is from 12.30pm to 1.30pm daily during term time. Full training will be provided. If you are interested, or know someone who maybe interested, then please speak to Mrs Ravenhill in the school office.

STAFFING UPDATE

Following a successful interview, Mrs Hillman will be leaving Foxmoor at October half term to take up an Assistant Headship at another school. Mrs Hillman has been part of the Foxmoor team for over fifteen years. I know you will want to join me in thanking her for her dedication to the children at Foxmoor and wish her every success in her future career. Mrs Marchant will be increasing her teaching time when Mrs Hillman leaves so that the Year 6 children continue to have consistency.

INFECTION PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

It is vital that we all work together to minimise the risk of any coronavirus outbreak. The government have issued clear guidance on what to do if anyone within your household has any of the three main coronavirus symptoms. The three main symptoms are fever, a continuous dry cough or loss of sense of smell or taste. Please see the table below for what to do if any member of your household shows any of these symptoms.

What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school when...
My child has coronavirus symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Contact school daily Self-isolate Get a test Inform school immediately about the test result 	The test comes back negative
My child tests positive for coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Contact school daily Self-isolate for at least 10 days Inform school immediately about the test result 	They can return to school after 10 days even if they have a cough or loss of smell/taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the virus has gone
Somebody in my house has coronavirus symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Contact school daily Self-isolate Household member to get a test Inform school immediately about the test result 	The household member test is negative.
Somebody in my household tested positive for coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Contact school daily Self-isolate for 14 days 	The child has completed 14 days of self-isolation

NHS test and trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms or confirmed coronavirus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Contact school daily Self-isolate for 14 days 	The child has completed 14 days of self-isolation
We/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a period of quarantine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not take unauthorised leave in term time Consider quarantine requirements and FCO advice when booking travel Provide information to school as per attendance policy <p>Returning from a destination where quarantine period is required</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Contact school daily Self-isolate for 14 days 	The quarantine period of 14 days has been completed
We have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not come to school Contact school to discuss distance learning Shield until you are informed that restrictions are lifted and shielding is paused again 	Medical professional informs you that restrictions have been lifted and your child can return to school again

HOME LEARNING

If your child has one of the three main coronavirus symptoms and they are not attending school whilst awaiting test results we ask that, in the short term, you encourage your child to read, practise their spellings and times tables while they are at home.

In the event of a class bubble having to isolate or the school is instructed to close in full, we will switch to on-line learning. In these circumstances, teachers will be setting work weekly with direct links to pre-recorded lessons and associated activities. Lessons and activities will mirror what would be being taught face-to-face in the classroom. Parents will be able to communicate with teachers directly on a daily basis via email.

If you have any problems accessing digital resources please contact the school office.

ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR

Due to lockdown, we had to abandon the process of electing a parent governor. I will be meeting with the governors next week and will let you know shortly when and how we will restart the process.

DROP OFFS AND COLLECTIONS

Can I ask all parents/carers to ensure that they drop off and collect children on time. The staggered starts are key to keeping numbers at the gate to a minimum. Can I also please remind you all to maintain social distancing at the school gate. Although there is no directive at present, with case numbers rising, it may be prudent to wear a facemask. Thank you for your support with this.

EARRINGS AND NAILVARNISH

We would prefer that children do not wear earrings at all, however, if it is important to you, please ensure that you leave sufficient time during holidays for pierced ears to heal before your child returns to school. Only small round studs are acceptable and only one earring per lobe. They must not be worn

during any physical activity. PE days change as they are weather dependent so your child must be able to remove earrings themselves.

Could I also ask you to ensure that any nail varnish applied at weekends and during holidays is removed ready for school.

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSFER 2021

Letters have been sent out to Year 6 parents/carers regarding the secondary school application process. Please ensure that your application, whether made electronically or on paper, is made no later than the closing date of Saturday 31st October 2020. This is extremely important as any applications received after this date will not be considered until after 1st March 2021.

Parents are encouraged to apply on line wherever possible, as this will ensure that they are aware that their application has been received. If you are applying by paper form please **do not return it to us** but send it directly to the Admissions and Transfers Team, Education, Learning and Libraries, Shire Hall, Westgate Street, Gloucester GL1 2TP.

If your address changes after completing the application, it is the parent/carer's responsibility to notify the admissions team at Shire Hall and provide proof of new address (please visit www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/transferssecondaryschool for more details).

I have been asked to let Year 6 parents know that local secondary schools are unlikely to be able to offer on-site tours/open evenings/open days this year. This is a directive from Gloucestershire Local Authority. If and when I receive further information I will write and let parents know.

Richard Bridgewater
Headteacher

INFORMATION

School and Governor Contact:

01453 757251

Facebook @foxmoorprimaryschool

Family Lives Helpline:

0808 800 2222

www.familylives.org

Early Help Partnership Families First Plus Stroud:

01452 328130

www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk

School Nurse Contact:

0300 421 8959

Early Years and Childcare:

0800 542 02 02

Headteacher: Mr Richard Bridgewater

Gloucestershire County Council:

www.gloucestershire.gov.uk

Friends of Foxmoor (FOF)

Facebook @friendsoffoxmoorschool

Contact: Natalie Hombrado via the school office

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please find below a list of current visits planned and some important dates. I hope you find it useful. Further dates will be added in subsequent newsletters.

Autumn 2020	Term 1
1 st September	Inset Day
2 nd September	Inset Day
3 rd September	Children return to school
23 rd October	Last day of Term 1
Autumn 2020	Term 2
2 nd November	First day of Term 2
18 th December	Last day of Term 2
Spring 2021	Term 3
4 th January	First day of Term 3
12 th February	Last day of Term 3
Spring 2021	Term 4
22 nd February	First day of Term 4
1 st April	Last day of Term 4
Summer 2021	Term 5
19 th April	First day of Term 5
3 rd May	May Day Bank Holiday
10 th May	KS2 SATs Week
27 th May	Last day of Term 5 for children
28 th May	Inset Day
Summer 2021	Term 6
7 th June	First day of Term 6
20 th July	Last day of Term 6 for children
21 st July	Inset Day