



City Of York Council

**Fishergate Primary School, Fishergate, York. YO10 4AP**

Head Teacher: Tina Clarke

Tel: **01904 555335** Absence Line: **553869**

Email: [admin@fishergateschool.com](mailto:admin@fishergateschool.com)

31.3.2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I know that some of you will be aware of the fact that we have had some damage to property and unplanned fire alarms this term. As a result of this we have moved where coats and bags are stored, the KS1 toilets can only be accessed if children are accompanied by an adult, KS1 parents are not coming into school in the morning and we have Y5/6 and Y3/4 monitors on the stairs. We are very hopeful that the raft of strategies and support that we have put in place are starting to have an impact and we are already seeing a huge reduction in this anti-social behaviour. However, we are very aware that the measures that we have put in place, whilst protecting property, are not allowing our children (the vast majority of whom show outstandingly responsible behaviour) the freedom that they would normally be able to take for granted. We also want to be able to return to our open door policy for Key Stage 1 drop-off as soon as possible.

To this end, we have decided to install CCTV over the Easter holidays. We have taken advice from the Local Authority and the system will be fully in line with GDPR and the Data Protection act. This will only be positioned so that it can 'see' the lower hall, the Key Stage 1 cloakroom and the fire alarm call points on the stairs. The monitor will be in a discrete corner, out of sight, in the main office and any images will only be looked at by a member of SLT or office staff. The system records over itself on a weekly basis and the footage will never be shared. The intention behind installing it is that it acts as a deterrent but also that it will allow us to see where the gaps in our systems are if something does happen. After Easter we will slowly relax the measures that we have put in place. Over time I fully expect the behaviour to stop completely and, when we reach that point, the CCTV will be moved to outside the school building where it will monitor the bike storage and car park.

Friends of Fishergate have asked me to share the following with you:

We have signed up to a number of clothing labels where the school earns commission back from the sales as part of our fundraising. The choice offers something to suit all tastes and pockets.

These labels are really useful for quickly marking children's property and clothing and avoiding too much lost property. The links and instructions can be found on the school website here.

<https://www.fishergateschool.com/information-for-parents-and-carers/friends-of-fishergate/fundraising-hub#fof-labels>

We have updated and refreshed the Friends pages on the school website, so there is lots of information that Fishergate families can find easily.

I thought that it would be useful for you to have some of the key dates for the summer term so that you have plenty of time to rearrange your schedules if needed:

28<sup>th</sup> June 5pm - Early Years New Starters Welcome Meeting

29<sup>th</sup> June - 2:30pm - Welcome to Key Stage 1 meeting

4<sup>th</sup> July - KS1 Sports Day (pm)

7<sup>th</sup> July - Y3/4 Sports Day (am), Y5/6 Sports Day (pm)

20<sup>th</sup> July 9am - Y6 Leavers Show

21<sup>st</sup> July 9am - Y6 Leavers Assembly

Happy Easter!

Tina Clarke

