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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for your ongoing support of Fairfax Academy and your child's education at this challenging time. Staff at Fairfax have been delighted to receive so many messages thanking them for their hard work. Thank you for taking the time to send these messages and thank you to those parents that have taken the time to respond to our digital survey. We are pleased that so many students are having a positive educational experience during lockdown.

House Challenge

Next week we will set our first House Challenge. The challenge has been written by two members of our Equalities Group and is based on Healthy Minds. In advance of Mental Health Awareness Week, there are goals for students to work towards in order to receive House Points. Please encourage students to complete the activity.

Literacy Colours

Lockdown is the perfect opportunity for students to gain their Literacy Colours. For Junior Colours students should read three books (preferably different genres) and write three book reviews of at least half a side of A4 each.

The Oak Academy/National Literacy Trust are offering free access to books that can be accessed via:

[Jacqueline Wilson is our first Author of the Week of our relaunched Virtual School Library with Oak National Academy! | National Literacy Trust](#)

and some book lists from the National Literacy Trust Agency can be found at:

9-12 years old - [Book list for ages 9-12.pdf \(literacytrust.org.uk\)](#)

13 – 16 years old [Book list ages 13-16.pdf \(literacytrust.org.uk\)](#)

16+ [Book list for ages 16 VYkbNtU.pdf \(literacytrust.org.uk\)](#)

The details for School Colours can be found at:

[Our School: School Colours – Fairfax Academy](#)

Please submit book reviews to h.williams@fairfax.fmat.co.uk

e-Safety

A reminder that resources for keeping your child safe online can be found at:

[E-Safety-Letter-Jan-21.pdf \(fairfax.bham.sch.uk\)](#)

Teams Chat

We have some incidents of students using chat inappropriately. The parents of students involved have been contacted. Please take the time to remind your child that chat in Teams should be used to ask teachers questions and respond to teacher questions only. Please take the time to remind your child that the Academy network is monitored and that any misuse of chat will be considered inappropriate use of ICT.

Finally, thank you again for your ongoing support of both your child and Fairfax Academy during these times. Should you have any concerns please contact your child's Head of Year in the first instance.

Yours sincerely



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