



To all members of the Thomas Fairchild community

*"I love those connections that make this big old world feel like a little village"*  
Gina Bellman

As we continue to navigate through these strange and challenging times, I wanted to update you on some developments happening in and around school which will hopefully reassure you that whilst we may not see you or your children everyday currently, we are still working hard to ensure when all children do return it is to a safe, cared for and happy environment.

### **Our Curriculum**

We are very proud of the broad and balanced curriculum offered at Thomas Fairchild School. Curriculum leads have been enhancing our curriculum to ensure it meets all the National Curriculum requirements so that children are fully prepared for the next stage in their learning journey. We will continue with elements of our unique enrichment offer and also adding 'Core Learning Mondays', where classes will learn about current affairs and also further develop the basic skills needed to be successful learners.

### **School Library**

We are extremely pleased to announce that Thomas Fairchild School now have their own school library. Staff have worked diligently to create this vibrant and stimulating place to share a passion for reading. We are excited in developing a further love of reading for pleasure and have a wide range of literature ranging from topic to fiction books. Children will be able to visit the library once a week with their class, at a designated time and borrow books of interest to them. We are looking forward to seeing how this space can be used during reading clubs and for small group sessions which encourage children to 'drop everything and read'.

### **Music room**

In addition to a library, we have also created a new music room in our school which will hold a range of musical instruments that we look forward to expanding and using more consistently. The music room will be an inspirational space for our budding musicians and we envisage this area being used to further enhance music lessons.

### **Book swap service**

It has been warming to see so many of our children and families brave the rain and engage with our book swap service this week. This is an opportunity for children to engage with their teachers, swap reading books and pick up a class novel. Please do use this service if you haven't already.

We are holding you all in mind and miss having the school community together. We keep a keen eye on any changes that will allow us to confirm with clarity the restart for September.

In the meantime home learning and phone calls home will continue. We will be uploading messages from your child's new teacher.

Please continue to use the book swap service to stay connected with us and get in touch with the school office if you require any extra support or advice.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Caroline King".

Miss Caroline King  
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