

## Parent Bulletin



8th June 2026 Week B

### All years - School Day structure for next academic year

We have reviewed our school day structure and made some minor changes for the next academic year. A particular issue we needed to resolve was our different day structure on Thursdays, which this year has been hard to navigate for some students and staff. It has also resulted in a shorter lunchtime on Thursdays, making running lunchtime clubs challenging. Also, our 3pm finish on Thursdays has clashed with Fairford Primary School, causing significant congestion.

Next academic year, each day of the week will be the same, as per the pattern set out below:

8:40	Students expected to be on school site
8:45-9:00	Tutor Time/Assembly
9:00-9:05	Movement time
9:05-10:05	Lesson 1
10:05-10:10	Movement time
10:10-11:10	Lesson 2
11:10-11:30	Breaktime (movement bell five minutes before end)
11:30-12:30	Lesson 3
12:30-12:35	Movement time
12:35-13:35	Lesson 4
13:35-14:20	Lunchtime (movement bell five minutes before end)
14:20-15:20	Lesson 5

Please note that the provision of five minutes movement time in between lessons remains in our day structure. This helps us to achieve a calm and purposeful start to lessons with no curriculum time lost to lesson transitions, and no reason for students to be late to lessons. Please note also that our transport providers have been made aware of the change.

If you have any comments or concerns about the revised school day for next year, please respond via the survey link [here](#) - deadline Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you, the Senior Leadership Team

### **All Parents - Mobile Phones and Behaviour Policy**

You will have seen in the media that the government is mandating a change to the way schools approach mobile phones. We need to change our systems and policies to reflect this. The letter linked [here](#) provides more information and a link for you to provide us with your feedback.

Thank you in anticipation of your input with this - **Senior Leadership Team**

**All years: Annual parent/carer survey:** Many thanks to those that have already completed the survey, if you have yet to do so, then please complete this [here](#) by the end of Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June.

### **All years - Swimming and safety**

The recent very warm weather resulted in many people seeking ways to cool down and enjoy swimming. We have had reports locally that many more young people have been accessing open water swimming areas. We would ask you to remind your young people of the many associated risks that can result, including cold water shock, hidden depths, submerged obstacles, and so on. We would also ask that you remind them that they should not swim in areas where signage indicates they should not swim. We will be giving clear messages about this during assemblies in the coming weeks.

Thank you, the Senior Leadership Team.

### **All years: Important Bronze DofE expedition information**

All parents whose children are due to take part in this year's Bronze DofE expedition have been emailed with preparation information for July's qualifying expedition. Please can you read it carefully with your child to make sure you're all aware of what is going on and expected.

If you haven't received it, please ask your son/daughter to come and see me so I can give them a hard copy of the email and check with the school that we have the correct email address for you. Many thanks.  
Alex Jackson - Farmor's DofE manager.

### **All years: Gloucestershire County Council**

GCC are in the process of recruiting volunteer Panel Members to assist with virtual School Admission Appeals for Gloucestershire Schools. They are looking to parents / grandparents or indeed to anyone else in the community. Please find the link to the relevant page on the Gloucestershire County Council website: [here](#).

### **All years: medical conditions on school trips**

With a number of trips coming up for all year groups this term, please ensure you have contacted the school if there are any changes to your child's medical conditions.

### **Years 7 to 8: New Brewery Arts Cirencester - Summer Craft Workshops for Kids**

Fabulous kids craft workshops this summer for 6 -13 year olds. Please find the attached poster for more details: [here](#).

## Supporting your child to learn at home:

**Tip of the Week: Don't be afraid to ask!** Homework is supposed to be helpful and supportive to your child's learning. If they have worked really hard to complete it and they are drawing a blank...then that's okay. Nobody would ever ask anything more of them. If that happens, encourage them to get in touch with their teacher. They can do this by going to see them, sending an email or via Satchel One...

With a two-minute teacher chat the day after, it might open the floodgates and help the homework flow!

## Safeguarding:

Featured in this month's newsletter is some really helpful advice about online scams and digital footprints. Take a look at this video to learn more: [here](#).

An offer from our partners in Early Help:

Is this you? A teenager who is rude and refuses to follow family rules. One who screams and cries at the drop of a hat. A teenager who is arguing with everyone in the family. Or one who is drinking, skipping school, or hanging out with a bad crowd.

If any of these descriptions fit your teenager, Teen Triple P Discussion Groups can help.

Teen Discussion Groups Over 10 years;

- Reducing Family Conflict – Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 1.30pm-3.30pm
- Building Teenagers Survival Skills – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 1.30-3.30pm

If you would like to sign up for any of these dates, please email:

[studentservices@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:studentservices@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk) and we will request a place for you

## Vacancies: [here](#).

Farmor's school are looking to appoint a Teaching Assistant. Please visit the link above for further details.

## Letters to parents: [here](#).

- Safeguarding newsletter June - [here](#).
- Year 7 - 11 - Careers Newsletter - [here](#).