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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to all our students. In particular, I would like to welcome new students to the school, from Year 7 to Sixth Form. We are very pleased to have you at Farmor's School.

I am writing with some important start-of-term information and news. I would like to begin by welcoming some new staff:

Mr Cavanagh (Computing)
Mrs Coombes (TA)
Mr Dan (SENCo)
Mr Driver (Head of Music)
Miss Hatton (Science)
Mr Jackson (Science)
Mrs Lennon (TA)
Mrs Philps (TA)
Mrs Parker-Woolway (Head of Art)
Mrs Talkowski (Maths)
Mr Willis (TA)

Visitors

If you need to visit the school, please phone in advance for permission to do so. This includes for dropping off forgotten PE kits or lunches. Wherever possible we are asking for discussions with parents to be held by phone or online. Face to face meetings are permissible where absolutely necessary but these are subject to strict controls. All visitors are expected to wear a face covering when entering the site.

Open Evening

Due to coronavirus restrictions we will be unable to hold an Open Evening this year. However, Year 6 pupils and their parents are invited to register for a tour of the school. Further information is available on the Admissions page of our website.

Uniform

Please support us by ensuring your child is in the correct uniform.

Photographs

Photographs of students will often be used in publicity material and the media. If you would like to withdraw consent for your child's image to be used in this way please let us know, in writing.



Holidays and absence

All holiday absence must be recorded as an 'unauthorised absence', by law. Taking a holiday during term time does affect your child's education. I appreciate the cost differences, but I would ask you to consider the hidden cost in terms of children falling behind in their studies. I am, however, able to grant permission in exceptional circumstances, for example travelling to attend a funeral. Please download a form from the website to inform the school / request permission if you intend to take your child away from home for a period during term time.

Our expectation is that most students should be able to attend over 97% of school days, unless there is a serious or persistent medical reason for their absence. Please help us in ensuring your child is a regular attender.

The start and end of the school day

Please help us keep children safe by dropping and picking up students at the end of the back drive.

Coronavirus enquiries

We have a dedicated email address for coronavirus-related enquiries and emergencies: covid@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk

Please use this email to:

1. Report a **positive test** for a child or family member.
2. Raise questions about the system of control in place at the school.

It is essential that the school is informed straight away if a student or member of their immediate family is tested positive for coronavirus. Please use the usual reporting procedures for illness.

Unfortunately, we are unable to respond to individual questions about our system of control. However, any queries will be collated and responded to in a FAQs sheet, available on the website. Please continue to contact your child's tutor if there are any matters relating to their welfare.

Yours sincerely



Matthew Evans
Headteacher