

# Parent Bulletin Week Commencing 12th July - week A

During school holidays, Gloucestershire County Council is providing vouchers to parents who have signed up to their holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme. These vouchers are provided by Gloucestershire County Council as part of its commitment to 'no child goes hungry' and are funded through Covid-19 grants.

This summer, vouchers will be available for the first and last week of the school holiday only (26th-30th July, and 30th August-3rd September) and will be issued between the 14th and 16th July. If you are eligible, you will receive one voucher for the total of both weeks (eg: if you have two children, you will receive one voucher worth £60, this is £15 per child, per week).

The remaining four weeks of the school holiday, 2nd-27th August, GCC are offering the Holiday Activities and Food Programme for children eligible for Free School Meals.

If you previously signed up to our scheme and received vouchers for any previous school holiday, there is no need to sign up again; you will automatically receive your voucher.

The link to apply for the vouchers if you have not already done is <u>Click here</u>

### **Notices:**

- **All Years:** There are a few trips going out before the end of term, some of them will involve coach travel. Please take note of the following covid safe procedures we are using for students travelling via coach to an activity:
  - Student LFT test before the trip must return a negative and no household member have a recent positive test result.
  - o Students asked about any Covid symptoms they or their household have before boarding the bus.
  - o Everyone to sanitise hands as they board.
  - o Everyone put on their mask as they board (unless medically exempt).
  - Student sit in their activity groups on the bus, a seating plan is kept for track and trace.
  - o The coaches have fresh air ventilation systems, not air that is recirculated.
  - o Staff will remain 2m away from students on board.
  - PPE available for staff to use if anyone is ill on the coach.
  - o If any student becomes symptomatic during the day at the venue they are isolated and supervised until parents are able to come and pick them up.
- Year 9 and 10: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July. Diphtheria, Polio,Tetanus and MenACWY Vaccinations. Consent/decline forms have been sent home with pupils. Year 9-If your son/daughter is self-isolating they can collect forms on the first day they return to school, but please be aware you will only have a week to return the forms, failure to do so will result in your child not being able to have the vaccination. Please ask your son/daughter for their form. Please return the signed consent/decline forms to tutors or student services by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July. Any queries please contact the immunisation team on 0300 421 8140 or GHC.Immunisation@ghc.nhs.uk.
- Year 8 Parents Evening. Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Appointments are live, please click the link to book: https://farmors1.schoolcloud.co.uk/
- Y8 Charity walks: On the 15th and 16th July students will be involved in different activities to their usual lessons. Depending on tutor groups, they will be participating in a charity walk to Quenington (see link for letter below) or following a timetable of careers guidance, PSHCE and a STEM challenge in school.

## Safeguarding update:

### **School Nurse:**

Our school nursing service would like to remind all children that their ChatHealth service is still operating. The number to text for support is: 07507 333 351.

The school nurse, Natalie Strong, will see students on an appointment basis on Mondays, students (or parents) should contact the head of year to refer.

#### Well Being:

This fantastic website has been created by a practising NHS professional who understands the need to make this available to parents and their children. It gathers all the websites, apps and information about supporting mental health in one place. Hopefully, if you need this, it will help: <a href="here">here</a>

#### **Mental Health**

Previously shared websites for support and guidance for both parents and students: <u>young minds</u>

If there is anything that causes you concern about online safety, please check out this website for advice: <u>parent info</u> and if you have any safeguarding concerns please contact nsturla@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk

## Covid-19:

Covid update letters sent directly via intouch, can be found here.

Remote learning guides for parents and students, including how to use Show My Homework, Teams, and recordings of parent briefings can be found on our website <a href="here">here</a>

## Letters to parents: here

- Year 9: GCSE Science revision books.
- Year 8: Charity walk.

Kind regards

The Pastoral Team