



Parent Bulletin Week Commencing 5th July - week B

Covid-19 Local support Grant.

The Covid-19 Local support Grant was created to support people who have been financially impacted by Covid-19. The grant can help with the cost of food, household bills and other household essentials. Applications for the COVID-19 Local Support Fund will close at 5pm on the 30th September 2021. Families or individuals can apply directly but applications can also be submitted by professionals who are working with families (providing consent has been sought) for those who may have trouble accessing the link.

The application form and further information can be found here: [Click here](#)

Notices:

- **All years:** The Photography department are looking for 9 old (broken or unused) cameras to use in a permanent display in the photography room. Donations to either Mrs Dawson in A3 or reception would be much appreciated.
- **All years:** July Focus newsletter. <https://www.farmors.gloucs.sch.uk/parents-and-students/focus>
- **All years:** Sports Day (for students only, sorry no parents) will be on **Wednesday 14th July**, weather permitting. Students in school have been signing up to take part in events all week, those at home self-isolating will have the option to sign up remotely, see SMHW for more details.
Please ensure your child has a water bottle and suncream for the day, they will be based outside on the field from 11.10 onwards.
- **Year 8 Parents Evening. Thursday 8th July and Tuesday 13th July.** Appointments are now live, please click the link to book: <https://farmors1.schoolcloud.co.uk/>. If your child has more than teacher for the same subject, you only need to book with one of those teachers for one of the evenings.
- **Year 9 students taking GCSE Photography in Y10 (Sept 2021)** we have had lots of enquires about which cameras to buy for the GCSE Digital Photography course. We would highly recommend Canon digital cameras as they are a friendly beginner's camera and easier to use. There is no need to have a brand-new camera and there are some great deals available out there on sites such as Ebay! The models we would recommend are; Canon 1200D, 1300D or 4000D as these are all lightweight and include all the functions needed on the two-year course. Please contact Mrs J Dawson if you have any further questions jdawson@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk
- **Year 9 and 10: Monday 19th July.** Diphtheria, Polio, Tetanus and MenACWY Vaccinations. Consent/decline forms will be sent home with pupils this week. If your son/daughter is self-isolating in year 9 they can collect forms when they return to school, but you will only have a week to return the forms; failure to return the forms will result in your child not being able to have the vaccination. Signed consent/decline forms should be given to tutors or student services by Friday 16th July.
Any queries please contact the immunisation team on 0300 421 8140 or GHC.Immunisation@ghc.nhs.uk.

Safeguarding update:

A review from Ofsted has found sexual harassment, including online sexual abuse, has become 'normalised' for children and young people, this review has made some recommendations for all schools, which we are in the process of implementing. The first of those recommendations is for us to better understand the lived experience of our students.

We arranged some focus groups this week with randomly selected students from Y8/9/10. These groups were facilitated by our Head Boy and Girl with Ms Sturla and Mr Eckersley there to support.

If your child was asked to share their views in these groups - please pass on our huge thanks to them. They expressed their views and concerns with maturity and consideration. Their input will inform our PSHE/Assembly programme and staff training. We will also continue to share relevant resources for parents to discuss at home.

As always, if your child experiences anything that makes them feel uncomfortable - please ask them to share this with a trusted adult in school. If you, as a parent, have any concerns about sexual harassment please let us know.

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](tel:07507333351).

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: [here](#)

Mental Health

Previously shared websites for support and guidance for both parents and students: [young minds](#)

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

Covid-19:

Covid update letters sent directly via intouch, including a Year 7 letter from this week 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 [here](#)

Letters to parents: [here](#)

- Year 8: Drama Production of Matilda.

Kind regards

The Pastoral Team