



Parent Bulletin Week Commencing 6th December - week A



Following the Christmas holiday, the government are encouraging schools to offer Covid tests to all pupils in school before term starts. These will take place on the Inset day, Tuesday 4th January, between 9.30am and 4pm. To book a slot, use this [link](#) and choose a 3 minute appointment with your child's head of year.

Bookings open at 10am on Monday and will close at lunch time on the last day of term (Friday 17th)

Notices:

- **All years:** Gloucestershire County Council's 'no child goes hungry' scheme is providing vouchers to parents who have previously signed up to their Holiday Free School Meals (FSM) scheme, funded through COVID-19 grant funding. New parents are encouraged to [sign up](#) as soon as they can before Monday 13 December. Voucher emails for £30 will be sent out between 13 and 15 December. If you apply after the deadline, they cannot guarantee delivery of vouchers before 25 December.
- **All years:** A reminder that we finish early on Friday 17th December. School finishes at 1.30 and buses leave at 1.40. Students who use the #77 to Cirencester (but not Quennington) will be able to leave at lunch to catch the earlier 12.50 bus from the Market Square. If your child catches the #76 or #855 and you wish for them to stay in school until the 3.30 bus arrives, please contact student services ghartshorn@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk
- **All years:** Christmas Jumper Day: Friday 10th December to raise money for [Save the Children](#). Students should bring in a £1 donation and can wear Christmas themed clothes.
- **All years:** Reminder to register on parentpay for up to four tickets for the Christmas Concert on 15th December.
- **All years:** All visitors to school must wear a mask, including those attending evening events, such as the carol concert or Matilda performances.
- **All years, uniform reminder:** please ensure your child leaves the house with the correct uniform, so the start of their school day does not involve conflict with their tutor. Masks must be worn on all buses and for most of the time in school (apart from in lessons, in outside year group zones and when eating in the canteen areas).
The following are not allowed under our uniform policy:
 - **Hoodies.** Students should wear a coat over their blazer or jumper in cold weather
 - **Ear rings.** One plain stud or sleeper in each ear is allowed, however these must be removed for PE, so no new piercings until the summer holidays please.
 - **Coloured Nail varnish**
- **Year 10:** Work Experience was launched last Wednesday during assembly. Students have been given a Work Experience Introduction Pack, a Parent Letter (copies are on the website) and the Work Experience Placement form. Please read through these with your child and start thinking about possible placements. The reply slip on the Parent Letter should be returned to your child's tutor by Friday 7th January.
If you have any queries please contact Mrs Lilley on alilley@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk. We are very excited to hear where they have chosen to go!

Safeguarding:

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, 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](#)

- **All years: December Online safety newsletter.**
- **All years: Music tuition**
- **All years: Lateral flow testing in January.**
- **Year 10: Work experience letter.**

Kind regards

The Pastoral Team