

Parent Bulletin Week Commencing 7th November - Week A



We like our students to have excellent facilities at Farmor's. When the new toilets were built 7 years ago to replace some really poor facilities, all urinals were taken out of the boy's toilets and all students now have the privacy of a toilet in a stall with a ceiling length door. CCTV was introduced in the walkways around the entrances to toilets to hopefully catch any student damaging the new toilets.

Last term there were occasions when several toilets were out of order for weeks due to wilful damage caused by some students. The repeated damage took time and money to fix, and we have not always been able to catch the culprits to pass on the cost of repairs as the old CCTV only points at the building entrance doors.

Schools who have had similar problems found cameras in the vestibule hand wash areas proved effective in reducing poor behaviour and maintaining excellent facilities.

We have now installed cameras to hopefully have the same results; our new cameras capture the handwash areas and the stall doors, but do not intrude in the privacy of the toilet stall itself.

Should your child have any information about students damaging the toilets then please pass on their names to the Head of Year.

Notices:

- **Year 8-11: Ski Trip:** A place has become available for a beginner skier having now exhausted my beginner skier waiting list. If your child would like to come on the ski trip in February half term as a beginner, and you are able to pay a £300 deposit now and the remaining £800 by 5th December, please contact Laura Hubbard-Miles on lhubbard-miles@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk. We are going to Wagrain, Austria, departing in the early hours of Saturday morning 18th February 2023 and returning just after midnight on Saturday 25th February. There may also be the option of some dry ski slope lessons before the trip, these are expected to cost around £50 for the three sessions with full details to follow. If there is more than one applicant by 12pm on Tuesday 8th November I will draw a name from a hat.
- **All years:** Now that the weather has turned cold we do expect that students will be wearing a coat to school. Please ensure this is not a hoodie.

Safeguarding:

All students have now been asked to think about 'what they can control' in our assemblies. As shared in last week's bulletin, they have been set some thinking homework, to consider which aspect of their lives might need some extra attention. All of these aspects have been proven to improve our physical and mental health: sleep; nature; exercise, being kind; planning ahead; healthy eating. It would be great if they can talk to you about how to build more into their routine, should they feel that something is lacking.

And if it all feels too much, then do check out all the support out there, as listed on the Mental Health Z Card. This is a Gloucestershire publication, but a lot of the agencies/charities are national and will apply to families living in Swindon, Wiltshire and Oxfordshire too. [Click here.](#)

Letters to parents: [Here](#)

- Year 8: Sexting- Community Police officer talk.
- Year 8: Christmas Lectures at the Bacon Theatre.
- Year 9: Museum of Natural History in Oxford.
- Year 9: Domestic Abuse- Community Police officer talk.
- Year 9: Battlefields Essential Information Trip letter.