



Parent Bulletin Week Commencing 8th March- week B

Home to School Transport message from Glous CC and Wiltshire CC:

As schools prepare to re-open to all pupils, Government guidance regarding school transport hasn't changed so all secondary school pupils will need to wear a face covering on board unless they are exempt and have an exemption card. This requirement applies to ALL school transport whether on public buses, local authority and school procured "closed door" vehicles or specific school journeys run by coach operators. We are writing to parents to ask them to remind their children of the guidelines regarding using school transport.

As well as wearing a face covering, pupils are being asked, as far as possible, to sit in the same seat every day, to minimise contact with others, and to maintain distancing while waiting for the bus and walking to and from the bus stop.

Where a large number of pupils travel on public buses we will again be running duplicate vehicles to give space for key workers who may be travelling on the main vehicle.

All our transport operators have been reminded of the requirements regarding vehicle cleaning, ventilation and which seats shouldn't be used, along with the precautions they need to take at depots and garages.

Notices:

We are very much looking forward to having all students back in school again from next week.

Years 10 & 11: The full timetable of lessons starts again **in school from Tuesday.**

Years 7-9: The full timetable of lessons starts again **in school from Wednesday.**

- **All years:** On return to school registration spaces for PE are as follows: Girls - Sports centre, Boys - Gym (next to the canteen).
- **All years:** The third in school Lateral Flow Test will take place on during lesson times on Thursday 11th or Friday 12th March. Your child will be informed of their appointment time via email to their school account.
- **All years:** Peripatetic instrumental lessons will be recommencing as normal from w/c 15th March face-to-face. Additional measures are in place e.g. clear pull up screens for woodwind, brass and vocal lessons where use of a mask isn't possible for those instruments.
- **Year 9:** Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award- The Bronze DofE Training day has been **rescheduled for Sunday 28th March 2021**. It is a one day event and will be held at Farmor's School. The day consists of a number of activities to get the participants ready for the expedition! I will send out a letter detailing the day closer to the event but keep this date in the diary.
- **Year 7:** Due to the return to school lateral flow tests, we have had to moved Parent's Evenings back by 2 weeks; these will now take place on **Thursday 18th and Tuesday 23rd March**. The booking system <https://farmors1.schoolcloud.co.uk> is **live** for parents to make appointments. For those that have not used it before, this [link](#) takes you to a video explainer on how to use the booking system.

Remote Learning:

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](#)

Safeguarding update:

School Nurse:

Our school nursing service would also like to remind all children that their ChatHealth service is still operating.

The number to text for support is: [07507 333 351](tel:07507333351)

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: <https://www.camhs-resources.co.uk/>

Mental Health

Previously shared websites for support and guidance for both parents and students:

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/supporting-your-child-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

As always, if there is anything that causes you concern about online safety, please check out this website for advice:

<https://tinyurl.com/yccvkk9o> and if you have any safeguarding concerns - contact nsturla@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk

Covid-19 school closure updates:

Covid update letters sent directly via intouch can be found [here](#), including changes to our systems of control for the 8th March return to school. This includes the requirement to wear masks in lessons, unless exempt.

Letters to parents:

<https://www.farmors.gloucs.sch.uk/parents-and-students/letters-to-parents>

- All years: Online safety newsletter. <https://www.farmors.gloucs.sch.uk/parents-and-students/online-safety>

Kind regards

The Pastoral Team