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Summer term arrangements

Dear parents and carers

I am writing to let you know about the changes to the school day and routines which will take place after the Easter holidays. In summary, we are returning to the systems and timings in place in the early Autumn Term, before additional Covid restrictions were introduced for the winter period.

School day timings

From Monday 19th April, we will revert to the school day timings in place in the early Autumn Term. This means that school will finish at 2.35pm on Mondays and at 3.25pm on every other day.

Staggered breaks and lesson timings for different year groups will no longer be required, therefore we will return to a standardised school day. Year groups will be allocated a time at which they can purchase food. To enable this, break and lunch will be lengthened. It is this that causes the change to the finish times each day.

Recreational spaces

As we do every year, we are able to open up the school fields in the summer term (weather permitting). Each year group will be allocated a zone so that students from different year groups do not mix unnecessarily.

System of control

The system of control (the rules and procedures in place to reduce the risk of Covid transmission in school) will be largely the same as in the Autumn Term. The one-way system remains in operation and students are asked to regularly sanitise their hands and wear a face covering when moving around the school.

We do not yet know whether students will still be required to wear face coverings in lessons. We will continue to follow government guidance on this and other matters.

Extra-curricular activities

We will be able to offer more extra-curricular activities in the summer term, including sports



activities and non-residential educational visits, in the first instance. The Monday late-buses will continue to run and are bookable for those participating in organised activities on Monday afternoons.

The above changes will be another step towards normal business for the school.

Lateral flow device (LFD) tests

Those students participating in home tests will receive another batch before the Easter holidays. We ask that students continue to carry out these tests over the holiday, twice each week.

Please inform us of any positive test results by emailing covid@farmors.gloucs.sch.uk. **It is important that you let us know immediately if the first test taken (on the Thursday evening we break up) is positive.** This is because we must carry out contact tracing if the individual was in school in the 48 hours prior to the test.

Please also let us know of any positive PCR tests or **if your child becomes symptomatic any time before Easter Sunday.** Again, we must carry out contact tracing if a student becomes symptomatic within 48 hours of being in school.

Please ensure your child carries out the final test of the holiday on the day before returning to school (Sunday 18th April). If this test is positive, please let us know of any children at the school who have been in close contact with your child in the previous 48 hours as soon as possible.

I hope you have a restful Easter and look forward to seeing students when they return.

Yours sincerely



Matthew Evans
Headteacher