



Fulbrook

Your School for Life

08/09/2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next week is WEEK B

Welcome back to school and the autumn term – although the weather this week has felt anything but autumnal!

I am very excited to share that, over the course of this weekend, our new school website launches. A huge thank you to staff and governors for their input and enormous amount of work, enabling this to happen. A special thank you goes to Mrs Punter, who has worked tirelessly during the summer break, inputting and updating information ahead of the launch.

Whilst in transition, you may not be able to access the new website: [Fulbrook School - Home](#) – as the link might still take you to the old site - but we hope that, by early next week, it will be fully functional on all devices.

Please note that the Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6) curriculum area of the website is still under construction; these pages will follow shortly.

One new function of the website is a school calendar that you are able to add easily to your own. We hope you find the new site more intuitive and that the information you require is no more than three clicks away! We welcome your feedback, as always, and shall create a page to which we shall share the link, shortly.

Other messages this week:

- We have revised and made some amendments to our Behaviour policy. This is attached and I encourage you to read it with your child. We have spoken about our expectations with the children in their assemblies this week, told them how much we look forward to rewarding them for aiming high and working hard. We have also shared why we have specific expectations on them in terms of behaviour and what happens if they make the wrong behaviour choices. Please see **'The Why'** at the beginning of the policy. We believe sincerely: *if we let them off, we let them down...*
- As well as the behaviour policy, please see another attached document, which gives an update to the way in which we respond to low-level disruption and how you, as parents and carers, can get 'live' updates on your child's behaviour during the school day. This will enable you to be in a position to praise them for meeting expectations in their

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lessons, but also to be informed of times when your child might not have met expectations at a particular point in the school day. The document outlines our stage approach.

- A third important document, which you can find attached, is our uniform guide. As stated in this document, upholding our expectations of uniform is very important to us for many reasons. It is an outward reflection of pride in our school community and a positive attitude to school life. The guide states what is expected, as far as daily uniform and PE kit are concerned, giving examples of our expectations.

The vast majority of Fulbrook students wear their school uniform correctly and with pride. Thank you for the part you play in achieving this.

From Monday 11th September, we shall challenge any student who arrives at school without the correct uniform. They will be spoken to during check-in, should incorrect uniform be identified. If the student is able to rectify this on the spot (e.g. removal of jewellery), no further action will be needed. If this is not the case, they will be taken to the hall, during check-in, where there will be a short talk regarding these expectations and parents will be contacted to be informed of any issues. It will be expected that these students come to school in the correct uniform, from Tuesday morning.

If this is not the case, they will be offered an item from our school stock for the day. The expectation is that students will agree to this and return to their form room, ready to attend lessons.

As per our uniform policy, should school stock be required three or more times in week, parents will be notified of this and students will receive an after-school detention.

In the event of a student being unwilling to meet uniform expectations, they will be placed in reset (isolation), until the situation is resolved. Parents will be contacted, should this arise, to be informed of this and to organise a suitable item of uniform being brought into school, straight away, if possible. Students will be able to make the decision to go to the school stock at any time during that day, to correct their uniform and return immediately into lessons.

Should a uniform issue persist, we shall contact you and request a meeting to resolve the situation as quickly as possible. As stated in the attached guide, we are unapologetic about having high expectations regarding the wearing of uniform. We would like to thank you for helping us to ensure that correct uniform is worn.

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If you are finding the cost of uniform difficult, please contact your child's form tutor in confidence; we shall do our best to help.

- We are looking forward to inviting parents onto site for various events this year. Our first Parent Forum of the school year will be held to discuss *Expectations at Fulbrook*. This will be an opportunity for you to talk to us about our Behaviour Policy; to gain a better understanding of **why** we have this particular approach and how you can work with us to support your child. If you are unable to attend this particular session, which will take place between 3 and 4pm, there will be the chance for you to give written feedback, ask questions and make suggestions, via our dedicated email address: parentforum@fulbrook.school .
- A calendar for other important dates in the school year is also attached. This is not a finalised list and there will be more visits and events added as the year progresses. The most up-to-date version of the school calendar will be made available via the website and we shall share messages with you – especially through this weekly bulletin – about any amendments or additions during the year. Please note that the **Celebration Evening**, which had to be postponed at the end of the summer term, has been rescheduled for **Wednesday 20th September**. More details will be sent to those of you, who were previously invited, in due course.
- Another event that I would like to bring to your attention is Thursday 28th September, when we shall be holding a **Welcome Evening** for all parents and carers. Further details will follow...
- Our extra-curricular clubs timetable has been updated to include our PE clubs. A copy is attached.
- [Central Beds Mental Health Support Services](#) have some useful information and workshops on supporting mental health. Please sign up to receive regular information.
- Unfortunately, we continue to receive complaints from residents about the parking of cars in close proximity to school. This also extends to those parking outside of school hours for our lettings. Please park considerately and be mindful of our neighbours. We appreciate parking is very limited around school at the moment and politely ask you to park away from the school, if possible, when dropping off and collecting. Thank you for your continued patience and support.

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- Finally, well done for making it through this extremely lengthy first edition of the bulletin for the new school year! I, along with the whole Fulbrook staff team and governors, look forward to working with you, to ensure that your child has the best possible experience with us at Fulbrook, this year and beyond.

Please see the attachments to this bulletin for the following:

Behaviour policy

Stage approach to low-level disruption

Uniform guide

Calendar dates

Clubs timetable

Enjoy the weekend - it is supposed to be a hot one!

Best wishes,

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