



THE FULHAM BOYS SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians

I hope you all are well and your boys have enjoyed the first week or so of the new term.

It is really nice to have them all back and we have been encouraged by the high levels of attendance and everyone's commitment to make it as 'business as normal' as possible.

Below is important information for the forthcoming week.

COVID19

I understand current anxieties around the boys coming back to school. I am also aware of several parents on different WhatsApp groups expressing their concerns. Please be assured that the safety of our boys and pupils is the most important thing to us. The school has a risk assessment that can be found on the website, the Senior Leadership Team are in constant dialogue about government guidelines and when required will communicate any changes to parents.

Under guidelines for schools we need to consider any students or staff that test positive. If this happens we will contact Public Health England and listen to their instructions for us as a school. If a parent has the virus we expect their children to quarantine with them, there is no expectation that they have to take a test but if they do develop symptoms they are to take a test and then inform the school if the test is positive.

Please be assured that we are working within the government's guidelines and believe we are doing the best things for boys in our care and will work with Public Health England immediately if we are required to do so.

In the light of government guidelines that have come out in the last few days we feel it necessary to postpone certain events. These include the Year 11 Leavers BBQ on 17th September, the Community Sports day on Saturday 12th September, Meet the Form Tutors

evening will be held virtually and we also think we need to postpone the Friends event on 16th September.

We are currently going through the school calendar and are looking at things that are vital to carry on physically and those that we think we can do virtually. The ones that we are doing all we can to make sure happen at school are the Open Evenings and the Parent Consultations. I will update you weekly as the situation develops.

We also said that we would constantly review our plan and we are increasing the use of sanitisers and wipes in lessons but are pleased to say that boys are adhering to staying in their bubbles.

Hammersmith Bridge

I appreciate Hammersmith Bridge is causing real problems particularly for Sports Afternoon. I am in contact with the local MP and other Head Teachers to try and get this situation resolved as quickly as possible. Whilst I appreciate this is making boys journeys from Sports Afternoon more difficult, boys taking part in Sports Afternoon is non-negotiable as sport is an integral part of their education. I really appreciate your support in this matter.

Sports Afternoon

When travelling to sports afternoons all boys and staff are required to wear a face covering. From next week, those boys without a mask will be issued a conduct signature.

Student ICT support:

- Students are welcome to see Mr Kuddus for ICT support in his office for drop-in support between 08:15-08:30am or 17:15-17:45pm daily.
- All ICT issues and queries for students can be raised by emailing support@fulhamboysschool.org.uk
- Parents are welcome to email Mr Kuddus on students behalf at the same email address as above (particularly if a students account/device is not working).
- The ICT Department will always endeavour to resolve issues and 'tickets' that are raised as soon as possible.

Year 7 Personal Safety Sessions

The Fulham Boys School has organised for a member of the Police's Safer Schools Team to deliver a Personal Safety session with all Year 7 students on the 25th September. This session is designed to educate our Year 7 students on simple steps that they can take to try and

ensure they are safe when they are travelling to/from school as well as in a wide variety of other scenarios. These sessions will take place during the school day in teaching groups.

Request for FBS invigilators

Our Year 11 students will be sitting mock exams between Monday 28th September and Friday 2nd October. In order to conduct these mocks well we will need people to invigilate and support students with specific needs during the exams. If you feel that you are able to support during this week, can I please ask that you email Ms Gai on n.gai@fulhamboyschool.org.uk. All volunteers will need a valid DBS in order to be on site.

Year 7 CAT Tests

Year 7 students will be sitting online CAT tests on Thursday 17th September during their usual co-curricular time. This is an online test which is designed to give schools a broad, rounded view of each child, their potential and how they learn. The results will help teachers decide about the pace of learning that is right for your son and whether additional support or challenge is needed.

All students will be using their chromebooks to complete the online tests, it is therefore vitally important that you ensure your son's chromebook is fully charged on Wednesday evening. Your son will also need his earphones. We strongly advise that your son does not do any preparation for the test, as this might mask any need for additional support he may need at FBS. Please explain to your son that there is absolutely no need to be anxious or stressed about these simple online tests and that there are no good and bad results. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school directly.

Useful Links

[FBS Website](#)

[FBS School Calendar](#)

[Sports Fixtures Calendar](#)

[Term Dates](#)

[Contact Info](#)

[FBS Platforms](#)

[Letters to Parents](#)

[Sogans Uniform Shop](#)

[Tylers Sportswear](#)

[Friends of FBS website](#)

[FBS Foundation website](#)

[Easyfundraising - Online shopping portal - earn commission for the school at no extra cost to you.](#)

I hope you had a good week. I will not be able to respond to emails next week so if you have any issues please contact Mr Smith, Head of school or the school office.

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CEO and Executive Headmaster