



May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **The Big School Camp – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July + Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026**

We are excited to announce that Farlingaye students in Year 7 have the opportunity to take part in a fantastic outdoor learning experience with Big School Camp on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026. I introduced this in assembly, and we are thrilled to offer this unique adventure, which promises to be both fun and rewarding for our students

All Year 7 students will take part in a range of activities such as Fire Lighting, Shelter building, First Aid Skills to name a few....

These activities will be delivered by our specialised external providers, The Big School Camp, during the school day. You can find out more about them at [www.bigschoolcamp.co.uk](http://www.bigschoolcamp.co.uk). Or view the promotional video that the company produced whilst at Farlingaye last year: [Big School Camp Farlingaye film](#)

Students will not be required to wear uniform. We are encouraging all students in the Year group to remain and camp overnight on the school site.

However, if for any reason your child is unable to stay overnight, they will finish school at the normal time of 3.25pm and will be dismissed from the Humanities Field. We would love all students to stay and have planned for this.

The cost of this amazing experience is fully covered, including all activities and the provision of tents. To help cover additional costs and ensure everything runs smoothly, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £10. This contribution can be made via Parent Pay. Additionally, for those not entitled to free school meals, day 2 lunch will be purchased from the canteen and we ask that student's lunch money accounts have sufficient funds available please.

Please can a packed lunch and snacks be brought along for day 1 and we will run an activity to provide dinner during the evening. This is to be confirmed but we are hoping for a barbecue (all requirements catered for) or similar option. Breakfast on day 2 will also be provided.

School staff will be present at all times with the students alongside The Big School Camp staff.

Activities will run until 8.30pm, before settling down for a night under the stars. We will have more than enough school staff and camp staff outside, first aiders and support. Students will have access to toilets, drinking water and all facilities needed during the camp. On the second day of activities, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, the **programme will finish at lunchtime**. Students can be collected from the school bus park at 2.00pm. For those who are unable to be collected at that time, students will return to their normal lessons for the remainder of the day. Those travelling home by bus will be dismissed at

3.10pm/3.15pm to ensure they can make their way to the bus park before the rest of the school is dismissed.

In the event of extreme weather, we have appropriate locations inside to ensure the safety of all students.

Please follow the link below to the consent form. This form will also ask if your child will be staying overnight and for the name of two students they would like to share a tent with. We cannot make any guarantees but will endeavour to ensure they are with at least one of these students.

**Consent form:** [Big School Camp- Thursday 2nd July & Friday 3rd July](#)

We will send out a full kit list letter over the next few weeks, as well as confirm all final details.

As with all school activities, participation is subject to appropriate behaviour, and the school reserves the right to withdraw a student's place at Big School Camp if their conduct does not meet our expectations

Deadline for consent form is **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

If you have any questions at all, please do let me know at [psmith@farlingaye.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:psmith@farlingaye.suffolk.sch.uk) or Mr Williams at [dwilliams@farlingaye.suffolk.sch.uk](mailto:dwilliams@farlingaye.suffolk.sch.uk)

Best wishes,

**Mr P Smith**  
Headteacher