

6th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Start of Term for Year 7, Thursday 7th September

I wanted to write to clarify a few things regarding the start term for Year 7 students this week here at Farlingaye. Firstly, after all the conversations regarding concrete it's with great delight we can now focus on the important matter of students coming into school and beginning their journey with us to do brilliant things here. We're really excited to welcome our new cohort of Year 7s, and I hope that they are looking forward to starting with us tomorrow Thursday 7th September.

Students should arrive at school for 8.55am, and head straight to the Sports Hall where the Year Team and Senior staff will be on hand to welcome students and explain the plan for the day. Due to recent events there has been some need for timetabling changes, and therefore rooming for the first few days will be different for students for a short period of time. We will be able to fully communicate with students what this will mean for them and will be very straightforward I'm sure!

As all students in Year 7 have a timetabled PE lesson on Thursday and to enable us to get them active straight away, can we ask that all Year 7 students come to school on Thursday in their PE kit. This needs to be the Farlingaye or plain polo shirt and either their navy blue skort or shorts; should they need an additional layer to travel to school this should be either their quarter zip Farlingaye PE top or the Farlingaye PE Fleece. Please can we ask that students don't wear jewellery or bring any other valuables to school on Thursday as we currently have limited space to store them safely during their lessons. We are planning on bringing some extra changing facilities onto site very shortly and this should mean students can change at school as normal.

I hope all this makes sense. I know starting secondary school can be a daunting time and please be assured there will be lots of friendly staff around and visible to make sure that all feel welcome, supported and encouraged on their first day and beyond.

If you have any questions regarding this or any other matter please don't hesitate to contact me at the school.

Best wishes

P Smith
Headteacher