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Dear Parents/Carers

A warm welcome back to the new term. I thought I would get in touch to remind you all of a few school procedures, which will be of particular interest to parents/carers of children new to the school. These procedures are relevant to all Foreland Fields School pupils and students, including those who attend our off-site satellite provision.

ClassDojo

Any parent/carer who is new to the school, or is not yet using the school communication app ClassDojo, should be aware that this is the school's main means of communication. Messages will be posted from myself and other members of the leadership team as well as other school staff. If you have not yet joined the app, please contact your child's class teacher who will send sign-up details, and a copy of the parent agreement. ClassDojo can also be used by parents/carers to direct message class teachers, myself and any other member of the leadership team.

Attendance

At Foreland Fields School, we believe we offer a supportive approach to attendance and encourage our families to contact us should there be any barriers to their child attending school.

New attendance guidance has recently been published. Whilst not new to the guidance, it reinforces the message that Headteachers are not permitted to agree leave of absence during term time unless they are satisfied that there are exceptional circumstances. The document emphasises that 'a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance'. Could I please ask that parents do not book holidays or visits during term time as they will not be authorised.

School Times

At Foreland Fields School, we like to ensure that all pupils and students arrive promptly as it is important that they start the day with the rest of their class. Foreland Fields School doors open at 8.30 and school ends at 2.50pm, other than on Thursday's when school ends at 2pm. If any pupil arrives after 8.40am, they are to be brought to the main reception, not the infant or secondary entrance, as they need to be marked present by reception staff.



Medical Team

We have a dedicated health team who are on hand to provide support and guidance to all parents/carers. Sam Daniels is the school's NHS nurse who is based at the school and should be contacted for any medical related information. We also have 2 Health Assistants, Chris Holmes and Anna Padfield who are also available to discuss health matters.

Can we ask that if your child takes medication, even if this is not administered at school, the health team are made aware in order that a health care plan and relevant medication forms are completed. If your child has any type of medical condition or health need, they should have a health care plan in place. Please contact the health team via main reception to inform of any changes to your child's health or medical needs.

School Dinners

A reminder that there has been an increase in the price of school dinners from September. The cost will now be £3.25 per day, a weekly cost of £16.25. Please note, this increase is down to the price we are charged for each meal - the school do not set the price of school meals.

BACS Transfer for School Meals:

Sort Code: 60 60 08

Account Number: 79300200

Please use the child's name and 'Dinner Money' as the reference

By Cheque

Made payable to Foreland Fields School

Please write the name of the child and 'Dinner Money' on the back of the cheque.

Cash

In a sealed envelope with the child's name and 'Dinner Money' written on the front.

School Voluntary Fund Contribution

The school has a voluntary fund which is used to pay towards various school-based activities, extra-curricular activities and special events.

In order to ensure that these activities continue, a voluntary contribution towards the school voluntary fund is requested. Please note, this is a voluntary donation and no parent/carer is under any obligation to contribute.

The amount requested varies according to which age group or key stage the pupil is in:

KS1 (Years R – 2):	£4 bi-termly - £12 per Year
KS2 (Years 3 – 6):	£4 bi-termly - £12 per Year
KS3 (Years 7 – 9):	£5 bi-termly - £15 per Year
KS4 (Years 10 – 11):	£6 bi-termly (£3 for the last term) - £15 per Year
Sixth Form (Years 12 – 14):	£8 bi-termly (£4 for the last term) - £20 per Year



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As shown, the contribution can either be made in three sections i.e. bi-termly (every 2 terms) or as a single annual payment.

Payments towards the school voluntary fund can be made by: cash, cheque or through BACS transfer. Any monies sent into school with your child should be in a separate envelope, clearly marked 'Voluntary Fund Contribution' with your child's name.

BACS Transfer for Voluntary Fund:

Sort Code: 52 10 19

Account Number: 02523086

Please use the child's name and 'Voluntary Fund' as the reference.

By Cheque

Made payable to Foreland Fields School Amenities Fund

Please write the name of the child and 'Voluntary Fund' on the back of the cheque.

Cash

In a sealed envelope with the child's name and 'Amenities Fund' written on the front.

Children of parents that do not contribute towards the fund will have equal access to activities. If contributions are low we may however, have to consider reducing the amount of activities we can offer across the year.

Website

The school website houses school policies as well as details about school times, the curriculum pathways, term dates, etc. Should you have any questions about school organisation, the website should be able to provide an answer. If not, please ask.

We will be in touch over the next few weeks to inform you all of the school events taking place across the year. The first of these is our ever-popular firework display. We look forward to seeing parents/carers and families at these events.

Should any parent/carer wish to speak to me or any member of the leadership team, please contact us at the school on the main school number or via ClassDojo. We look forward to the coming year and to working with you all in order to ensure the best outcomes for your children.



Kind regards



Adrian Mount
Headteacher

