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Dear Parent or Carer,

We are almost halfway through the term. The external exams are coming to an end, and the remainder of the summer term will be a busy one with lots of events and activities. It feels like an appropriate time to refresh everyone of the expectations at FCC.

Travelling to and from school including buses

A significant number of students travel by school or public buses. Waiting at bus stops and travelling on the buses are clearly unsupervised times therefore it is vital that student behaviour and consideration of others matches the high expectations that we have at school and no doubt you have at home. Where students misbehave on school buses, FCC and OCC reserve the right to remove bus passes. This has happened recently, and parents were charged for the damage caused. Similarly, OCC monitors public buses through CCTV. When students are dropped off by the school buses in the morning it is not permitted for them to leave site to visit local shops.

Key actions for you as parents.

- Make sure your children are at school on time, they should be here by 8.35am at the latest.
- We regularly remind all parents that you **should not** be dropping students off by car in and around the school site. It is very busy with 1420 students, 200 staff, numerous school buses and taxis. Please find alternative dropping off points further away from school for everyone's safety.
- Please only access the school at the beginning and end of the day via Fernham Road if you are genuinely visiting the school or have an appointment.
- Students using the gated entrance at Sand Hill Lane should walk up the path and not the road. It is likely that the road will be used in future more regularly by construction traffic, so walking on the path is safer.
- Please remind your children to reflect our values and standards when walking to school or travelling by bus, as most students do.
- Make sure your child has their bus pass. Recently we have had to issue too many temporary bus passes. Find information here on how to apply for a replacement pass [Replacement school travel pass | Oxfordshire County Council](#)
- The school late bus that runs Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday will continue until the end of term (not Wednesday 24th July). It is to be used **only by students who are attending after-school events.**

The school day

At the start of every school day students will either have a uniform line up or assembly. Morning tutor time, as you know is now 30 minutes. The purpose of these changed structures was to help with getting all students ready to learn and supported for the rest of the day. These changes were made to help make sure that all the basics are correct, and standards are high so that staff can focus on creating the best possible learning conditions and extra –curricular opportunities to build a greater sense of belonging. We were pleased that Ofsted recognised the high expectations at school and how well students responded. We need this to be the case



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across the whole school and with a particular focus on social time and the use of the school toilets. We have a few students who still insist on congregating inappropriately in and around the toilets. This is not acceptable to the rest of the school community and will continue to be addressed with severe sanctions. The full Ofsted Report is available on the website. <https://www.fccoxon.co.uk/blog/?pid=61&nid=4&storyid=8>

Key actions for you as parents.

- Make sure your children are attending school in the correct uniform, with the necessary equipment including a reading book. If you need support with purchasing uniform and/or equipment, then please contact the school office.

Communication

When you contact school, please try to seek out the most appropriate member of staff i.e. tutor, subject teacher, Head of Year etc. Appointments to meet staff should be made in advance. We will always try to respond to emails, phone calls within 48 hours. We would also like to draw your attention the **Faringdon Learning Trust 'Code of Conduct'**. <https://www.fccoxon.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=139&type=pdf>

It is important that everyone adheres to this code. We will not tolerate parents being rude to staff in person, via email or on the phone. It is important that parents are positive role models for our school community.

An advance warning, the school finishes for the end of term/year on Wednesday 24th July at 12.15pm. Buses and taxis will be available as normal at these changed times.

The start of the new academic year is Wednesday 4th September for Y7 and Y12 and Thursday 5th September for Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13.

Thank you for your support, we continue to look forward to a purposeful and enjoyable second half of the term.

Best wishes

Phil Bevan

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