



# WILLIAM FARR

C of E Comprehensive School

Our ref: LVS/TA

April 2024

**Year 7**

Dear Parent/Guardian

## **The Summer Term 2024**

Welcome to our final term of Year 7, I hope you and your family had a wonderful Easter break. This term is a busy one, with plenty to look forward to for the pupils.

I continue to be extremely proud of the achievements of the year group. Collectively they have achieved 26000 merits, with some pupils individually well on their way to their 30<sup>th</sup> Commendation and gold badge. It is really important that certificates are kept safe for an event at the end of Year 9. I am always interested in hearing of pupils' achievements outside of school too so please do share with me anything of note.

The summer term is an exciting one, with many opportunities for our year group to come together in the calendar:

<b>Year 7 'Be Safe Day'</b>	-	<b>Tuesday 18 June</b>
<b>Lincolnshire Show</b>	-	<b>Wednesday 19 June</b>
<b>Sports Day Friday</b>	-	<b>Friday 21 June</b>
<b>End of Year celebration event</b>		<b>Tuesday 09 July</b>

As we move towards warmer weather, and hopefully more opportunities and space to be outside in our free time, with the help from the Friends of the School, I have purchased some games and balls to encourage some physical activity in free time. I shall be reminding the year group about the need for non-physical play, in line with our Pupil Code of Conduct stating '*Keep your hands, feet and unkind words to yourself—'playfighting' is not permitted, nor is any physical behaviour of any kind.* Please speak with your child about the importance of engaging in positive behaviours during unsupervised time. Thank you for your support. All students will be given a field pass to support positive behaviour and I am confident that no field passes will need to be revoked.

We are also having a focus on the 'basics' of manners and politeness towards all members of the school community. The use of 'please' and 'thank you' are essential for positive relationships in school and also for life beyond school. I am continuing to make this a focus of discussion in assemblies. I would be grateful for your support in speaking with your child about this as this behaviour regarding how we interact with one another as a community is at the heart of the school's Vision and Values and in particular the school value of 'Respect'.

Students have been fortunate this year to have experienced a range of external speakers in PSHE. These have included vaping and alcohol awareness and this term we focus on ourselves more with sessions on sleep, healthy eating, hygiene and puberty and a session on positive body image, an area I feel is essential given the influence online we often see to be 'perfect'.

I would like to remind you that mobile phones are not permitted in school at all. Linked to this, it is well documented nationally that social media platforms can give rise to bullying behaviour. Please ensure that any social media use is monitored and that any abuse or unkind comments are blocked and reported to the Police and/or the relevant platform provider. As technology evolves, new risks and challenges emerge, making it essential to regularly update our knowledge and adapt our practices. Parents play a crucial role in helping pupils stay safe online. Please visit our school website for additional resources on online safety for parents: <https://www.williamfarr.lincs.sch.uk/online-safety>.



I am very proud that the standard of dress and uniform amongst our students is very high and I thank you for your support with this. The school's Uniform Policy which can be found on the school website. Trainers, false/gel nails, false eyelashes and excessive make up are not permitted. Fake tan and nose piercings are also not permitted.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me. My email is [l.starbuck@williamfarr.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:l.starbuck@williamfarr.lincs.sch.uk). As part of our commitment to supporting staff workload and wellbeing, I will endeavour to respond to emails within 3 working days. Please note, staff are not expected to respond to emails outside of the normal working day (9.00am-4.00pm) or during holiday periods. Emails should be written in line with the Parent Code of Conduct as shown on the school website under the Governors' section.

I look forward to working in partnership with you this term.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'L Starbuck'.

**Mrs L Starbuck**  
**Head of Year 7**