



WILLIAM FARR

C of E Comprehensive School

Our ref: ESH/TA

May 2026

Year 8

Dear Parent/Guardian

The Summer Term Letter

I hope you and your family had a restful Easter and have enjoyed the recent bank holiday. We have a busy lead up to the summer break ahead of us with plenty to look forward to, including:

- **Sports Day** - Friday 19 June
- **End of Year trip** - Tuesday 14 July

I remain incredibly proud of the achievements of students both in, and outside the classroom. The summer term opens up opportunities to try new clubs; there is a wealth of extra-curricular opportunities on offer at William Farr School. I have had a lot of certificates and praise letters for the year group over the last term and many students getting involved in exciting opportunities outside of school too – please do let me know about these.

The top field is now open which means students can enjoy the outside space a bit more. Can I please ask that you reinforce to your child if they play football, that they should not be slide tackling under any circumstances. We have had a number of accidents due to this and appreciate your support with keeping everyone safe.

Summer uniform will come into effect after May half term. This means blazers and ties are optional when worn with a summer shirt with the badge on. Plus, after the pilot of last summer tailored shorts may be worn instead of trousers or the skirt. Please remember students should not be wearing trainers of any kind unless they have an injury (supported with a medical note), and shirts should still be tucked in. If your child wears a skirt, this should not be rolled up and only one set of earrings should be worn per ear. No other body piercings are allowed. False nails of any sort are also not allowed please can you support the school with these.

In PSHE we have spent time learning about our personal health. This has included some challenging topics for some on mental health, diversity and inclusion, why we have vaccinations, self-harm and eating disorders. Students are always signposted in these sessions to further support, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns about your child's personal health or contact your GP who will also help. This coming term we focus on the law, politics and human rights. One key message in PSHE is that we are okay to have different opinions on these topics, but we listen and are respectful to others also.

Each term we focus on one of the school's core values. This term during Collective Worship, the focus is on responsibility. Students are really fortunate to benefit from a wealth of knowledge and expertise from school staff during these and I am delighted with the excellent feedback I receive on the conduct and engagement of the year group. At the end of the term, I nominate one student for the Governors' Award for that value, a real accolade to one student who receives this in whole school assembly. One value that I remain focused on is that of kindness.

It is upsetting that I am regularly dealing with issues from the minority of pupils being unkind to each other. This often extends to social media. Please do continue to take an active interest in how your child is engaging online.

As always, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me. My email is e.hanson@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 again with you this term.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'E. Hanson', followed by a period.

Ms E Hanson
Head of Year 8