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## End of year information pack

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of the summer term I write with thanks to all of you in our school community for your support, patience, resilience and determination during what has been another exceptionally challenging year. I'm sure none of us believed we would be ending a second academic year with the uncertainty of what next year will bring. We have had to learn new ways of working and cope with new ways society has to now function. As ever, our young people amaze us with how they have coped and shown great resilience throughout this time.

You should have all received a text message reminding you that the school year will end with a slightly early finish of **12.30pm on Tuesday 20 July 2021**. Transport has been adjusted to collect students at this earlier time.

We hope to see an increasing return to 'normal' routines in September, but we will be guided by any Government advice over the summer break and we will update you on any changes where required. In the meantime, I would like to outline in this letter, the anticipated arrangements for September 2021 at Pathways Learning Centre.

### Summer holiday programme

For those parents interested in accessing summer holiday programmes for your children, South Gloucestershire Local Authority have a range of holiday and food clubs available throughout the summer holiday. Many are free, if children are entitled to free school meals, and others are available to young people, but may come with a cost. The link for all the summer programme information can be found at: [www.southglos.gov.uk/HAF](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/HAF). If you do not have online access and would like to receive a hard copy of the programme information, please contact the PLC office before the end of term and we will be happy to send you a pack.

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## September 2021 arrangement

### Term dates

There will be two INSET Days for staff on Thursday 2 September and Friday 3 September 2021, so school will begin again for all students on **Monday 6 September 2021**. This includes students' off site or home tuition sessions, although they may start back on a different day during the week, depending upon individual timetables. This will be communicated to you separately. All other term dates and INSET dates are listed below.

### Bubbles, zones and class sizes

At this stage, we anticipate being able to relax bubbles and zones in September. We are fortunate to have small class sizes anyway, therefore, we will be able to return to our usual class sizes (typically 6-8). We will review any guidance over the summer, as we anticipate that there may be general advice about maintaining 2m social distancing where possible and wearing masks at busy times. More information to follow when received...

### Responding to suspected Covid cases

We will continue to follow the Local Authority and Public Health guidance for schools, regarding how we should respond to suspected Covid cases that occur in school. The Local Authority has also asked us to circulate a letter to parents, regarding updated information and advice about the ongoing rise in Covid case numbers in South Gloucestershire. This letter is included in the pack and can also be found on the PLC website under 'Parent info'.

### Timetables and group arrangements

- **Cotswold groups** - Timetable arrangements for Cotswold groups have been finalised and a copy of the individual timetable is included. Students will start at 09.30 and finish at 15.15. Transport arrangements will continue as normal, for those students entitled to transport to school. Any queries regarding the Cotswold provision should be directed to Heather Beach who will be happy to help.
- **Fosse (Primary) groups** - Pupils will start at their usual time of 08.45 and finish at 14.15 each day. Transport arrangements will continue as normal. Any queries regarding the Fosse (primary) provision should be directed to Cassie Perryman who will be happy to help.
- **Frome groups** – all on site pupils will start at their usual time of 08.45 – 13.45. Some students will attend PLC for the 'Late Programme' between 2pm - 4pm. These details will be confirmed with you separately. Transport arrangements will continue as normal. If you have any questions, please contact Gareth Jones or Connie Coppin who will be happy to help.
- **Home tuition** - Individual timetables have been drafted and are included in this pack. We will of course try, wherever possible, to keep continuity; but the very complex nature of the organisation of Pathways Learning Centre and the individual needs of students at home, makes it extremely difficult to predict where and when staff will need to be utilised. It is also likely that Home tuition sessions will continue with a blend of face to face and on line or virtual sessions. This will allow us to offer students more sessions throughout the week, by reducing the amount of travel time tutors are using. There will be more information to follow from Jo Noot and the Home Tuition team in September.

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## Things we need from you

### 1. Updated contact details

In order to ensure we have the most up to date contact information in case of emergency, please would you review the contact sheet enclosed and return to PLC with any amendments at the start of Term 1. It is essential that we have a least two contact numbers **AND** two contact persons for our emergency procedures.

### 2. Communications

As always, we will continue to focus on our positive relationships with students to support them with their individual needs on their return. Our priority is to continue to focus on our 'Recovery Pathways' which consider finding the most suitable programme to meet the individual needs of every child and young person at PLC. We hope that you will continue to support us with helping all pupils to move forward. Please do get in touch if you think that the programme for your child needs to be reviewed. As always, we will continue to have three placement reviews across the year, so we can involve you, and the pupils, in discussion about their needs and how we can best support them.

Parents and carers are asked to contact PLC via the school office **01454 862630** to make arrangements to speak to any staff, or use email if you have the direct email address you need. If you do not have the direct email address, please use the general school email address which is [office@pathwayslearningcentre.org](mailto:office@pathwayslearningcentre.org). **A list of key contact can be found at the bottom of this letter.**

Finally, I would just like to wish you all a relaxing summer, whatever your plans and we look forward to seeing everyone back refreshed and ready for a new start in September.

Yours sincerely



Louise Leader - Headteacher Pathways Learning Centre

- *Key contact information below*
- *INSET dates 2021-2022 below*

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## Key contacts

If you have any questions or queries, now or throughout the year, please note the following key contacts:

- **General enquiries** via the school office : 01454 862630
- **Fosse** provision - KS1 & KS 2 Primary pupils  
Cassie Perryman / Andy Brown/Sharon Galton (Primary Co-ordinator / Deputy Head)
- **Cotswold** provision for KS3 & 4  
Heather Beach / Dan Walton - (Cotswold Co-ordinator / Deputy Head)
- **Frome** provision for Ks3 & 4  
Gareth Jones / Connie Coppin / Sue Turner  
(Assistant Head / Frome Co-ordinator / Senior support worker)
- **Home Tuition** provision – Jo Noott (HT Co-ordinator)
- **SEND Co** – Sharon Galton
- **Safeguarding and Interventions-** Laura Saysell (Head of Student Support and Interventions)
- Headteacher – Louise Leader

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## **Term dates and INSET days during 2020 - 2021**

For your information and convenience please find an overview of the term dates for the academic year 2020 – 2021 below. This information can also be found on our website under the 'dates and events' tab.

## **September 2021 – July 2022**

### **Autumn – Term 1**

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

**Inset day: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021 & Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021**

### **Autumn – Term 2**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021 – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

### **Spring – Term 3**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022

**Inset day: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 & Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

### **Spring – Term 4**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Inset day: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

### **Summer – Term 5**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

### **Summer – Term 6**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

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