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End of year information pack

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of this academic year, we have been reflecting on just how challenging the year has been because of the on-going impact of Covid in all our lives. It is certainly not what we were expecting when I wrote the end of year letter last July, and I truly hope 2022/23 brings a far more settled year for us all. As always, I would like to thank you for your on-going support, love and kindness that you have shown the children and us, as we have tried to navigate the many challenges of leading and working in a school throughout a pandemic. Our children (because they really are ours too) have made us all so proud, by the resilience and positive attitudes they have shown throughout. I am also immensely proud of our wonderful team of staff who have continued to work so hard to support the needs of all PLC children and young people.

This letter is to bring you up to date with the operational arrangements from September 2022 at Pathways Learning Centre, as well as to provide you with some information on summer holiday support.

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 break. Many are free, if children are entitled to free school meals, and others are available to young people, but may come with a cost. For example there are free family tickets available to Aerospace Bristol and an SS Great Britain offer. The link for all the summer programme information can be found at: www.southglos.gov.uk/HAF

Food vouchers

Each child on free school meals has been sent a £45 supermarket e-voucher from PLC, to support children through the summer holiday. If you have not received this voucher please call PLC on 01454 962639 during the first week of the holiday, when this office is still being staffed.

Emergency help and guidance

IF you have any concerns or worries about you child over the summer, please use the emergency, help and guidance contacts information at the bottom of this letter to put you in touch with the right support.

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September 2022 arrangement

Term dates

There will be two INSET Days for staff on Thursday 1st September and Friday 2nd September 2022, so school will begin again for all students on **Monday 5th September 2022**. 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 at the bottom of this letter.

Changes to the start and finish times of the school day

I hope you have all received the previous communication regarding some changes to the timing of the school day from September. Due to operational and transport issues, we have made some changes to the start and finish times for students as outlined below. Transport has been adjusted and taxi companies are aware.

Fosse Ks1 & 2 Primary	-	08.45 – 14.15 (14.45)*
Cotswold Ks3 & KS4	-	08.45 - 14.45
Frome KS3 & KS4 full programme	-	08.45 - 13.45
Frome Ks3 & Ks4 late programme	-	14.00 - 16.00
Home Tuition all year groups	-	Individual times as communicated by the HT Co.

***Transport will continue to collect primary (Fosse) at 14.15**, until the taxi companies are able to make the adjustments. It is our intention that primary will also move to a slightly later finish time of 14.30/14.45 when transport can support these collection times. We will communicate with parents when we know when this change is possible.

Attendance

Our on programme attendance target for 2022/23 is 94%

Thank you for continuing to support our efforts to encourage students' attendance every day. We are understanding and supportive of students who may struggle to attend school occasionally due to medical reasons, but it is our expectation that students' attendance is at 94%+ of their educational programme. For example, if there are medical reasons meaning that your child's programme has been agreed at 50% of full time, we expect attendance to be at least 94% of that agreed programme. If your child's programme has been agreed at full time, we expect attendance to be at least 94% of that agreed programme.

As a referral provision, we have many students who are waiting for places and would benefit from our support, therefore it is essential that the students who are on the roll of PLC attend regularly so they can benefit from the support we offer. If students continue to have extended periods of poor attendance and are not being able to benefit from the support of PLC, we may need to review their placement at PLC to ensure we are able to continue to support those students most in need.

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Timetables and group arrangements

Timetable and group arrangements have already been discussed with students and some students have moved in to their new groups already. Students will be provided with a hard copy of their timetable which they will be able to bring home. If you do not receive a timetable via student post and you would like a copy, please contact the school office in September. Home Tuition and some students on bespoke timetables will be provided separately.

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.

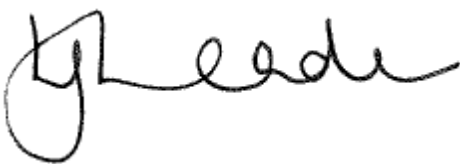
2. Communication

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 students 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. This will also provide us with the on-going information we need to confirm that support from PLC needs to continue. eg On going supporting medical evidence.

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. 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*
- *Term and INSET dates 2022-2023 below*
- *Emergency contact, help and advice information - 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 / 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 (Assistant Heads)
- **Home Tuition** provision – Jo Noott/Sarah McCombe (HT Co-ordinator/job share)
- **SEND** – Sharon Galton / Michelle Skelton (SENDCo/SEND support)
- **Safeguarding and Interventions**
Laura Spires (Designated Safeguarding Lead and Head of Student Support and Interventions)
- **Headteacher** – Louise Leader (via Kim Harmsworth Head teacher's PA)

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Term dates and INSET days 2022 – 2023

Autumn – Term 1

Thursday 1st September 2022 – Friday 21st October 2022

Inset day: Thursday 1st September 2022 & Friday 2nd September 2022

Autumn – Term 2

Monday 31st October 2022 – Friday 16th December 2022

Spring – Term 3

Tuesday 3rd January 2023 – Friday 10th February 2023

Inset day: Tuesday 3rd January 2023 & Wednesday 4th January 2023

Spring – Term 4

Monday 20th February 2023 – Friday 31st March 2023

Inset day: Tuesday 14th March 2023

Summer – Term 5

Monday 17th April 2023 – Friday 26th May 2023

Summer – Term 6

Monday 5^h June 2023 – Friday 21st July 2023

This information can also be found on our website under the 'dates and events' tab.

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Emergency contacts, help and support

If you are a student, or a parent/carer of a student in need of support, please find below some support services you can access during school closure.

- **In an absolute emergency - call 999**
- **General medical assistance; call NHS direct - 111**
- **South Glos Access and Response Teams (ART) - 01454 86 6000.**

Monday - Friday (9am - 5pm) For any concerns regarding the risk of harm and/or safety of a child.

- **ART - Out of hours (after 5pm) / and Weekends- 01454 615165.** Please only use this out of hours number if you have any immediate concerns regarding the safety of a child.
- Specific support for mental health can be accessed via;

AWP Mental Health 24/& Response Line- 0800 953 1919

CAMHS crisis line- 0800 953 9599

- **KOOTH** – Mental health support for young people.

Join at <https://www.kooth.com/>

Or for more urgent support at <https://www.kooth.com/urgent-support>

Other help and advice

For other support and advice links, the PLC website contains useful advice and links to other agencies, including Early Help Support Services

‘Parent info’ <https://www.pathwayslearningcentre.org.uk/links-for-parents/>

‘Student info’ - <https://www.pathwayslearningcentre.org.uk/help-and-support/>

Chat Health - Text 07312263093 Monday- Friday 9-5pm. Term time and holidays.
Confidential advice and support and to chat with a school nurse.

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