



Parent/Carer Notes

Week commencing: 10th February 2020

Calendar: Week A

Dates	Forthcoming Events
Monday 10th February	
Tuesday 11th February	
Wednesday 12th February	Year 11 Progress Reviews – School closes 1.15pm (except Year 11) School Production – Peter Pan
Thursday 13th February	School Production – Peter Pan Year 12/13 Washington Trip
Friday 14th February	School Production – Peter Pan Year 13 Krakow Trip Year 10 reports home

School Clubs & Activities – Fulford School run over 50 extra-curricular activities each week. Please see www.fulford.york.sch.uk for further information.

Message from the Head Teacher

I would like to update you on the progress of the consultation around school uniform. The consultation finished last Friday (31st January). The full consultation involved seeking views of staff, pupils and parents/carers. Pupils did a Fulford Thinks activity and we met with a pupil focus group made up of Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils. We met with the Parent Council then opened up to an email consultation that solicited over 300 responses. Primary data from all these activities will be shared with Governors. Governors will meet after half term on Tuesday 25th February, a decision will be made at that meeting as to how we will progress. I will inform parents and carers of that decision in the Parent/Carer Notes.

I am very clear about the passions a possible school uniform change brings about. Some people would prefer there to be no discussion on any form of change with the status quo prevailing, whilst others are very keen for change to happen. There has also been an active debate outside the consultation process on social media and beyond. I would like to thank all of the people who have contributed in a positive manner and in line with the core values we adopt within our school. It is important that we model behaviours to our young people that show we can express a firmly held opinion without bringing into question the integrity of people who may have a different point of view.

The consultation has been opened up in good faith, to gauge opinion. I think that this was an appropriate thing to do. Some have cast doubt on the validity of a consultation and feel a decision has already been made. I can assure you that this is not the case. Governors will use all the information presented to them to make an informed choice on the direction they will support.

As the consultation continues it is important to remember that school goes on as normal. Children doing great things in and out of the classroom. That was very evident to see by the smiling faces at our Year 8 Parents Evening. Our focus has and will always be on creating a vibrant learning community where children can excel and do extraordinary things.

Yours sincerely

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