

Fulford School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 11 and 13

It was lovely to share the Year 13 leaving event on Wednesday and we have a full day of events today for Year 11 as we celebrate their time at Fulford.

Both year groups have been an absolute delight to have in school. They have remained engaged and committed to their work during the most difficult of circumstances. Both year groups will officially leave on 25th June and after half term will begin their transition packages remotely. I know I speak on behalf of all the staff in school in wishing them a successful and happy future. They have demonstrated the best of themselves. We hope that the values, support and challenges that have underpinned their education at Fulford provide the springboard for great things. They deserve it!

Return after half term

I am sure we are all looking forward to half term and dare I say the possibility of some sunshine. Please remember the school has an INSET day on Monday 7th June and pupils return on Tuesday 8th June. On our return, we are changing the way we are operating our bubbles within school. We will continue to remain in year groups (bubbles) and there will still be no mixing of the years. However, in order to enable a better school experience and open specialist teaching spaces for all pupils, we will be allowing movement of pupils around the whole site.

In general, teachers will return to their specialist classroom; we have put in place a one-way system that allows the bubbles to move without them coming into close extended contact with other bubbles. Pupils will continue to wear face coverings outside of classrooms and desks will be cleaned in between each lesson. Entrance to the school will remain the same, as will registration and social areas. Each year group will retain their own toilet areas. Year 9 will move lunch sitting to period 4B which starts at 1:35pm and all year groups will be able to remain in the canteen all lunchtime if they wish or access the school field.

Along with the risk assessment that came into action on 17th May, there is another risk assessment that will be active from 7th June covering the movement from pods to a one-way system.

Tutors will explain the changes to pupils during period 5 today and also period 1 on Tuesday 8th June. Staff will ensure that the systems are clearly understood and pupils are supported. It was March last year since pupils have been able to circulate the school and our Year 7 have never had the experience. We will of course keep the change under review but hope it is a stepping-stone to a return to more normal times.

I hope you have a restful and enjoyable half term.

With very best wishes,

Steve Lewis Head Teacher



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