

Fulford School

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Dear Parent/Carer

First of all, I would like to express my thanks for your engagement in our transition processes. We are delighted to meet our new children and they seemed to have a great time, getting fully involved on transition day! Equally, it is a pleasure to meet their families. Further to this we have been receiving fantastic returns each week for the ‘You are awesome’ transition tasks.

I would like to provide you with a few further updates prior to the close of term.

**September**

The first day of term will be Tuesday 3rd September. On this day only years 7, 11 and 12 will be in school to help children acclimatise to their new environment. We will be running some bonding type activities (e.g. on Friday afternoon of the second week) but we also aim to settle quickly into school/ lesson routines. Here is a link that includes equipment that children should bring each day: <https://fulford.york.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/FINAL_-_Fulford_School_Uniform_2024-25.pdf>

**Class Charts App**

As a school we use this app based system for recording positive and negative behaviour incidents. This is the platform by which you will access teacher feedback, details of your child’s homework and a copy of their timetable. Students also use this system and it forms the basis of a weekly review with their form tutor. Information is available in real time via any phone, tablet or computer.

At the beginning of the Autumn term we will send you your own unique access code. You will require this code to set up your personal Class Charts account to view the information which relates to your child. To access this information you will need to visit [www.classcharts.com](http://www.classcharts.com) and enter your log in details when you receive them in September. Ideally we recommend downloading the Class Charts app which is available on iOS and Android.

A Parent guide is available via the following link: <https://pages.classcharts.com/wp-content/uploads/Class_Charts_for_parents_guide.pdf>

Also contained within the September letter will be the individual student code for your child with students creating their own account in the same way as parents/ carers. It is essential that your child has access to Class Charts as this is the hub through which homework is set. It also provides a platform for students to upload work to return to staff and contains a live copy of their timetable.

We have found that parents really value the information they are able to access from Class Charts and as a school we see it as a key tool for communication with families.

**Parent Pay**

At Fulford we use an online system called Parent Pay to enable parents to pay for their child’s school meals - we operate on a cashless system. Parents can pay securely, on line, at a time that is convenient to them. You will be given a unique access code to set up your Parent Pay account, this code will be included in the Class charts letter.

Your child will be registered in the canteen on the first day of term. You will then be able to add funds to your child’s account so that they have funds to pay for any snacks/ food which they purchase. Please note that students will be able purchase food from their first day onwards with this being debited from the account once you add funds (normally we require credit in the account for purchases to be made).

We also use Parent Pay to allow parents to pay for other items such as school trips, textbooks/revision guides and equipment. As with the Class Charts platform, you will be provided with a Parent Pay activation code at the start of September.

**Lockers**

Several families have asked for the link for booking a locker to be resent, so here it is:

<https://fulford.york.sch.uk/lockers/>

I would like to close by taking this opportunity to wish you a wonderful summer time together as a family. We are looking forward to working with you through the years ahead! If you have any questions do feel free to contact me at school.

Yours faithfully



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