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Dear Parent/Carer,

Further to my letter of Thursday 9th July, I would like to confirm some key arrangements for the end of this term and the beginning of next.

The school summer term will end at 3.45 pm on Friday 17th July.

There will be no provision over the summer for the children of key workers and children from other groups, in line with government guidance. School will be closed to all students until 3rd September, with the exception of those students invited to attend the Results Days on Thursday 13th and Thursday 20th August. Information about those days has been sent directly to the students concerned.

The start of the term in September will be staggered: Year 7 and Year 12 students will attend from Thursday 3rd September onwards, and all other year groups will attend from Friday 4th September onwards. The start times for year groups will be as follows:

Year 7 – Thursday 3rd September, 9.05 am.

Year 8 – Friday 4th September, 9.15 am.

Year 9 – Friday 4th September, 9.20 am.

Year 10 – Friday 4th September, 9.10 am.

Year 11 – Friday 4th September, 9.15 am.

Year 12 – Thursday 3rd September, 9.10 am.

Year 13 – Friday 4th September, 9.10 am.

Further information regarding arrangements for the first days back in school, will be included in a letter to be sent to all our families in the last week of August.

Uniform

It is important to note that students will be expected to attend in uniform from the start of next term. Access to specialist uniform items continues to be through Coes in Ipswich. Coes are running an appointment system for customers, details of which are available here: [link](#). Families requiring assistance with purchasing uniform items can access help through Leiston Citizen's Advice Bureau. Details of the scheme are included in the attached flyer. If you are finding it difficult to buy uniform items for any reason, please do contact me prior to the start of the new academic year.

Please note that new government guidance states that school uniform items will not require anything beyond normal cleaning in September. It is not recommended that every item should be washed or replaced daily.

School Photos

School photos will be taken during the first full week of the new term in September. However, due to the restrictions placed on them by safety protocols, it will not be possible for the photographers to fit in taking pictures of groups of students. This will unfortunately, prohibit the taking of family and friends photos that are normally a lovely feature of the annual school photos.

Meal Vouchers

Please note that Free School Meals vouchers will be supplied to all eligible families for the duration of the summer holidays. Each family will receive a single voucher at the start of the holidays, which will be worth £105 per eligible student. If you have not received your voucher by Monday 20th July, and you believe that you are eligible, please contact me at Farlingaye.

Staffing Changes for September

Please note that the following staff will be leaving Farlingaye in September. In some cases, they have been with us for a relatively short period of time, on temporary contracts. In others, they have been with us for many years. However, all of the staff concerned have made their own contribution to the school, and I would like to thank them all and wish them good luck for their next steps, whether that is into a well-deserved retirement, a new role, or a place on a teacher training or degree course:

Teaching Staff Leavers

Mr Armstrong

Mr Blowers

Ms Bongjoh-West

Ms Ewers

Ms Guy

Ms Harris

Mr Kitchen

Ms Limpkin

Support Staff Leavers

Ms Crimp

Ms Foulger

Ms Frost

Mr Harris

Ms Houston

Ms Phillips

Ms Waring

Senior Leadership Team

There have also been some temporary changes to the make-up of the Senior Leadership team. These are linked to the changes to my role for next year, which will involve temporary part-time work for the East Anglian Schools Trust (of which Farlingaye is a member school) as one of two co-CEOs. The changes to roles involve new responsibilities for Mr Smith, who becomes our Senior Deputy Head teacher, Mr Lampard, who remains an Assistant Head teacher but with duties in the main school rather than in the Sixth Form, and Ms Stuart, who becomes our new Director of Sixth Form. Ms Ellis will take on Ms Stuart's substantive role as Year Co-ordinator for next year's Year 12 cohort. I am delighted that all of these talented and committed staff have come forward to take on these new roles. I am certain that this will help the school to make next year a very successful one, despite the challenges ahead.

If you have any questions relating to any of the matters addressed in this letter, please contact me at Farlingaye. I will be available via email until Tuesday 21st July and then again from Monday 10th August 2020.

I would like to wish you all a restful, safe and happy holiday.

Yours sincerely,

Dr Andy Sievewright
Head teacher