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Friday, 03 July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you are all keeping safe and well. Last week Mr Farrington, Head of Year 7, introduced himself to your child and this week he introduces himself to you (parents and carers), in a video that we have posted on [The Boswells School Official Facebook](#) page.

Some of you may be aware that the government released their guidance to schools for the autumn reopening, yesterday. We will now be formulating our plan to implement this guidance for September. We will communicate this in due course.

Uniform Expectations for September

Students are expected to wear full uniform from the start of the autumn term, in September. If you have not ordered uniform that you need, please do so.

Pre Loved Uniform

We had a number of people attend the Pre Loved Uniform store yesterday, and there will be a further two opportunities to come and purchase items before the end of term as detailed below:

- Thursday 9th July 3.00pm - 4.00pm - Venue: The Boswells School Theatre
- Thursday 16th July 3.00pm - 4.00pm - Venue: The Boswells School Theatre

* Cash or cheque only - no change given and money will need placing in an envelope - see prices below:

Boswells Blazer	£10
Boswells Skirt	£10
Boswells Jumper	£5
Black Trousers	£2
White Shirt	£2
Boswells Rugby Shirt	£10
Boswells Polo Shirt	£5
Boswells Tracksuit Top	£10
Boswells Hooded PE Top	£10

Uniform Collection (via Schoolwear Plus)

We are providing a collection service for uniform orders from our supplier Schoolwear Plus, on the following dates:

Friday 10th July – 3.15pm to 4.15pm

Friday 17th July – 3.15pm to 4.15pm

The collections will take place from the school green in front of the Sixth Form block (weather permitting). ***Before arriving in school, please ensure you have had confirmation from Schoolwear Plus that your items have been delivered here.***

School bags

Parents will appreciate that in view of the very high cost of text books, it is essential that students should be provided with a large, strong bag. It must be large enough to take a fair number of school books - although new Year 7 students are reminded that they do not need to bring all their books every day! PE kit should be carried in a separate bag.

Other Equipment

Aprons will be required for Technology lessons, however, parents/ carers are not required to purchase an apron.

Football boots are not compulsory to purchase, however, they are recommended as the majority of PE lessons will be outside.

Stationery

Each student should be equipped with simple writing and mathematics equipment including a ruler with markings in centimetres and millimetres, scissors and glue, a protractor, compass, several good quality biros, pencils, an eraser and a set of coloured pencils. All students need a scientific calculator. All of the items mentioned above are available from any good stationers.

Purchase of Art equipment

To ensure Key Stage Three students have the correct equipment and can fully participate in their Art lessons (including homework), we require them to purchase two sketchbooks and drawing pencils. These essential items can be purchased at the school for a one-off payment of £5, **more details of which will be sent to parents in September**. The payment also includes a contribution towards the ever growing cost of various 3D projects e.g. clay (including firing and glazing) and Modroc. All work completed by students over the three years can be taken home.

We strongly urge you to take up this opportunity as it also enables the students to build up the experience of good presentation when working in a sketchbook. If you choose not to purchase through the school, you are required to provide your own sketchbooks, otherwise paper will be provided as an alternative.

Printing

We are working hard to reduce our impact on the environment and the size of our carbon footprint, and one area we have focused on is printing and copying, the amount that we produce and the paper wastage that this generates.

Following a review the school now provides each student an academic year allowance which should be more than adequate to fulfil the needs of the curriculum. For Key Stage 3 pupil this is £2.00, but should your child use all their allowance before the end of the school year, you will be able to purchase additional credits via ParentPay, with a minimum payment of £5.00. This will be credited to their

account within 48 hours of being received. Students will have access to their account to check credit available at any time. The cost of per print/copy is 2.5p for black and white and 18p for colour.

School Bus:

From September we will be running a school mini-bus for those students living in the Boreham and Chelmer Village areas. Priority will be given to the new Year 7 intake, and allocated on a first come, first serve basis, as availability is limited.

Please find below details of the final route and times for your perusal to enable you to make an informed choice whether this is an option you wish to consider. The cost per day will be £5, term time only (excluding non-pupil days) paid in advance on a half termly basis:

Morning:

07:50am - Recreation Ground Bus Stop, Main Road, Boreham (near park)
07:52am - Elm Way Bus Stop, Main Road, Boreham (near Nick's Tyres)
08:05am - Beeleigh Link (opposite Fulcher Ave) bus stop, Chelmer Village
08:07am - Beeleigh Link (Cusak Road) bus stop, Chelmer Village
08:09am - Goddard Way bus stop, Chelmer Village
08:11am - Asda bus stop, Chelmer Village
08:13am - Henniker Gate bus stop, Chelmer Village
08:15am - Brook End Road bus stop, Chelmer Village
08:30am - Paignton Avenue Bus Stop, Lawn Lane, Springfield

Afternoon:

15:35pm - Paignton Avenue Bus Stop, Lawn Lane, Springfield
15:45pm - Beeleigh Link (opposite Fulcher Ave) bus stop, Chelmer Village
15:47pm - Beeleigh Link (Cusak Road) bus stop, Chelmer Village
15:49pm - Goddard Way bus stop, Chelmer Village
15:51pm - Asda bus stop, Chelmer Village
15:53pm - Henniker Gate bus stop, Chelmer Village
15:55pm - Brook End Road bus stop, Chelmer Village
16:08pm - Elm Way Bus Stop, Main Road, Boreham (near Nick's Tyres)
16:10pm - Recreation Ground Bus Stop, Main Road, Boreham (near park)

In order to finalise arrangements we require parent/carers to register their intent to use the school mini-bus with the school and would request you contact Mrs Lucas via email lls@boswells-school.com by **Friday 10th July 2020**. Your place will then be confirmed together with payment details.

To allow the current practice on public transport all students will be expected to wear a facemask whilst on the mini-bus, which will be provided by the school. Students can choose to wear their own facemask.

Term Dates 2020/21 – [link to webpage on school website](#)

Further information about term dates, staff training dates and parent evenings can be found on our website and a school calendar of events will be available on-line from the beginning of the academic year. We do ask parents to do everything in their power to plan their holidays to take place within the school holidays and not during term time.



Contacting Us

Main Reception will be open from 8.30am to 3.00pm from Monday. Currently, we are asking that parents only come into the school in an emergency or if we have requested that they do so. If you wish to contact us, you can call on 01245 264451 between the hours above, but in most cases the best way to contact us is via the school email account (admin@boswells-school.com). You should expect to receive a response within 2 school days, but if your queries are urgent, we will endeavour to deal with them sooner.

NOTE: Please ensure the email address 8815416@capita-intouch.co.uk is added to your “safe-senders” list to be sure that you receive our updates, but **please do not use** this address to contact us – it is for our outgoing e-mails **only**.

Contacting You

If we are trying to contact you, your phone may well show up ‘No caller ID’, please bear this in mind and please answer these calls.

Finally, if you want to review previous correspondence from the school, copies of our [recent letters](#) can be found on the school website.

Have a lovely weekend.



Stephen Mansell
Headteacher

