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Friday, 10 July 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that you are all keeping safe and well.

I am very pleased to be able to introduce your child to our Year 7 and 8 Pastoral Manager, Mrs Layton-Smith, in a video that we have posted on [The Boswells School Official Facebook page](#).

Year 7 Transition Days

Due to the current circumstances we have been unable to carry out our usual induction process and it is a shame for all of us that we have not been able to meet with your child face to face before September. I said in my welcome video that what we have been unable to do now we will do in September and therefore, we will be holding two transition days for our new Year 7 students on **Thursday 3rd September** and **Friday 4th September** (all other Year groups will return on **Monday 7th September**). This will give the students the opportunity to meet their tutor, tutor group, teaching staff and undertake various activities. This will be a chance for your child to familiarise themselves with their surroundings whilst being the only year group in school.

There will be further details in next week's letter.

Free School Meals

Details of students who are currently eligible for free school meals are not automatically transferred to their new school. It is up to parents/carers to re-apply during the school holidays before moving school. The school has subscribed to a secure website which you will need to use to apply. Please click on the link below:

www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals/essex.

The system is simple and clear to use with a step-by-step process and an immediate answer as to eligibility, with the school being informed automatically.

The amount allocated for a free school meal (lunchtime only) is currently £2.40 and covers the provision of a two course meal. Drinks are not included in the allocation but water is always available.

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.

PE Kit

Please be aware that we are offering an adapted PE curriculum in line with government guidelines in September. On the days your child has a timetabled PE lesson they will be allowed to come to school in their kit. Please note that girls will be allowed to wear regulated traditional sports style shorts but neither cycling shorts nor hot pant style shorts will be permitted. However, leggings are permitted to be worn.

Pre- Loved Uniform

There will be a final opportunity for this academic year to buy the pre loved uniform on Thursday 16th July from 3pm until 4pm in the main school theatre. Social distance and increased hygiene measures will be in place.

School Bus:

We have extended the deadline to have registered your interest with the school for the bus service until **Monday 13th July at 5pm**, and we would request you contact Mrs Lucas via email lls@boswells-school.com. Your place will then be confirmed together with payment details.

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, then 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)

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.



Friends of Boswells School (FOBS)



Who are we?

We are a group of people whose aims are to raise money and provide resources for the school and its students (your children). To support and enhance the resources and facilities at The Boswells School. FOBS is a registered charity (No: 801420)



What kinds of projects do we fund?

Last year we purchased equipment to support students in a variety of different curriculum areas which included sound equipment for the theatre, equipment for Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, cooking utensils, text books and technology equipment. In addition, at the request of Student Voice we purchased additional water stations to support the schools recycling campaign. Your children will benefit from our fundraising at some time during their time at The Boswells School.

Please can you help us?

How would you like to have a say in how we raise and spend our money? Without new input and ideas FOBS would cease to exist and all the above donations just simply would not happen. We meet every two months, meetings are informal and all parents/carers are invited to attend.

Dates for the meetings next academic year are:

AGM followed by FOBS meeting	Wednesday 9th September 7.00pm
FOBS Meeting	Wednesday 14th October 7.30pm
FOBS Meeting	Wednesday 20th January 7.30pm
FOBS Meeting	Wednesday 11 th March 7.30pm
FOBS Meeting	Wednesday 26 th May 7.30pm

Dates of FOBS events:

Christmas Draw	Year 7 Assembly, Friday 18 th December
FOBS Quiz Night	Saturday 20 th March 7.00pm
FOBS Bingo Night	Saturday 26 th June 7.00pm

No spare time? – Most of our funds come from regular donations from parents just like you. All donations are very gratefully received whether it be a one off sum or a regular donation. Please consider if you can donate - no amount is too small (or too large!).

Other ways that you could help:

- Would you be willing to join our refreshments team serving drinks at school events?
- Donate Raffle prizes? All our events involve a raffle; can you help?
- Support our fundraising events held throughout the year
- Join the Boswells weekly lottery
http://upload.reactcdn.co.uk/boswell/uploads/document/2_1521_fobs-lottery-advert.jpg

If you are interested in attending the FOBS meetings or helping out at school events/functions, please complete the [return slip](#) and return it to Miss Noble, Deputy Headteacher (Behaviour Welfare and Safety) CNE@boswells-school.com



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

