

Our ref: JA/If

18th July 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian

As we come to the end of another successful year at Falinge, I hope you take some time to read the information in this newsletter as it contains important information for the end of term and for next year. Before I share the information, I want to thank you for the support you have placed in the school and how you have worked alongside us. We are at an exciting phase as we have worked hard behind the scenes to prepare for September and the next academic year. To do this we have been:

- Improving teaching and learning and have recently been appointed a training hub for the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics
- Sharing our practice in improving teaching and learning both locally and nationally
- Working hard to improve our SEN provision and have undergone a review of staffing which has seen Ms Kowalski appointed as a SENCO; Ms Hoyle, Ms Maguire, Ms Harrison and Ms Jameson as Higher Level Teaching Assistants; the creation of Level 3 Teaching Assistants and the creation of new specialist provision for pupils to support in literacy, numeracy and personal wellbeing
- Improving our pastoral provision so that we have clearer lines of communication for parents
- We have also created a new centre for pupils who may struggle settling into school or have difficulty in managing their emotions and have appointed Mr Rhodes as a leader of this centre

Year groups for next year

We have suited Year groups in areas of the school during tutor time and these classrooms will be available for pupils at lunchtime. Your child's Heads of Year are as follows:

Year 7	Mrs Hallas	hallasn@falingepark.com
Year 8	Miss Stanway	stanwayk@falingepark.com
Year 9	Miss Sanderson	sandersonj@falingepark.com
Year 10	Mrs Herdman	herdmanh@falingepark.com
Year 11	Mr Ward	wards@falingepark.com
	Mr Fell	fella@falingepark.com
	Mrs O'Reilly	o'reillyp@falingepark.com

Director of KS3 Progress and Pastoral	Mr Abdullah	abdullah@falingepark.com
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Assistant Headteacher for Pastoral, Personal Development and Welfare	Mrs Pottinger	pottingerl@falingepark.com
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End of term arrangements

The last day of term is Tuesday 24th July. This will be a non-uniform day and pupils will be dismissed at 12.30pm

First day back arrangements

Pupils return to school on Wednesday 5th September.

Years 7 and 11 will arrive between 8.15am to 8.25am. They will go straight to their form groups.

Years 8, 9 and 10 will arrive at 9.45am and will go straight to form rooms.

Pupils will be issued with their timetables and will go to their lessons at 10.55am after break time.

Extension to Maths block

You may be aware that we were having an extension to the Maths block. As we were a Carillion school the work on this unfortunately ceased with the collapse of Carillion. The Local Authority have worked tirelessly to help get this back on track and we are hopeful this will be partially completed for the first day back with a remaining two classrooms completed for 28th September.

Please keep an eye on our website, Facebook and Twitter page over the summer for any changes to this. I appreciate this is difficult but the situation with the Carillion collapse has been out of the school's hands and the Local Authority's hands.

Uniform

I have attached the uniform list to this newsletter.

Please be aware that the summer polo shirts are only for the summer term. All pupils must be back in blazers and ties for the first day back in September. The polo shirts can be worn again the following year.

- I must stress that we will only allow completely black shoes/trainers. Any reflective markings must be small.
- Only one **straight** parting in the hair is accepted.
- Only one pair of **small** studs or **small** hoops/earrings are accepted. Only a **small** nose stud will be accepted.
- Acrylic nails or nail polish is not part of our uniform and pupils will be asked to remove them.
- Unnatural hair colours – blues, greens, purples, pinks etc. are not accepted.
- Calf length or knee length boots are not accepted.
- Skirts **must** be of a reasonable length.

Any pupil not wearing the correct uniform will be provided with an alternative and/or may receive a sanction as shared in our Compelling Behaviour Policy. Pupils with more than one line in their hair or a curved/patterned line may be asked to colour it in.

What have we been up to this term?

I have a commitment to providing an enriched curriculum for all our children through educational trips and visits.

Here are just some of the highlights of the summer term:

- History trip to London
- Year 10 visit to Cambridge University
- Pupils involved in a visit to McCain's advertising agency
- Winners of 'I am Creative' – Year 9 pupils have recently won a competition to design an advertising brief for ITV
- Historical/Citizenship/Art project with People's History Museum
- Completion of our Duke of Edinburgh expedition
- Year 7 CALL pupils took part in a cultural visit to Liverpool
- Year 10 Geography pupils visited Salford Quays and Eastlands to investigate the impacts of urban regeneration
- Years 7 – 10 participated in the Rochdale Schools' Athletic Championship which took place in The Etihad Stadium in Manchester

There have been many, many more visits and trips which are available on our website. Please take some time to see how we are creating a compelling learning experience for all our pupils – it is at the heart of everything we do and if it's not having an impact on learning – we won't do it.

Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
Friday 20 th July	Sponsored Walk
Monday 23 rd July	Experience Day
Tuesday 24 th July	School closes for summer holidays
Wednesday 5 th September	School re-opens
Tuesday 18 th September	Years 7 and 11 – school photographs
24 th September to 5 th October	Year 11 Work Experience

Yours faithfully



**Miss J Allen
Headteacher**

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SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR BOYS & GIRLS

All pupils must wear the official FPHS uniform as follows:



Trousers and/or Skirt in Black – Skinny jeans or leggings are not permitted in school. Skirts must be of a reasonable length.

Headscarves (if worn) – Should only be in plain black or plain white.

Blazers – The official FPHS blazer is compulsory for all our pupils. These are available from local uniform suppliers.

Ties – Pupils will be informed of which ‘House Group’ they are in on ‘Induction Day’ and will then be able to buy the correct tie from local uniform suppliers.

V-neck Jumper (not cardigan) – In plain black or with the official school logo. These official FPHS sweatshirts are available from local uniform suppliers. Jumpers are not compulsory items but only these designs are allowed if the pupil wishes to wear a jumper.

Shirt in White (is standard uniform) – Shirts must be tucked in at all times and worn with the blazer and tie around school.

Summer Shirt – A summer top can be bought with the appropriate colour stripe for their house. These polo shirts can be worn after the Easter holidays until the end of the summer term. Polo shirts do not need to be worn with a tie or blazer. Pupils must make sure they bring a bag to carry their planner and uniform/punctuality cards.

Plain Black Shoes – Of a safe and suitable type for school and its staircases. Canvas shoes, dolly shoes, boots, high heeled shoes, sandals and pumps are **NOT ALLOWED**. Trainers must be **plain black with only small reflective markings (which are permitted)**.

Plain white or black socks (un-patterned) or black or natural coloured tights.

Jewellery – For safety **NO JEWELLERY** should be worn (apart from one pair of small ear studs or sleepers, though pupils may be required to remove these for some activities). Watches are permitted.

No denim or cord material is allowed.

PE KIT

A change of clothes is essential for PE lessons. Safety and suitability are the essential requirements of sportswear.

The official kit is available from Gymplex via the link on the school’s website or from Topform, Moses or Ziggys.

- GForce purple, black and white t-shirt
- GForce purple, black and white shorts
- GForce purple and black socks
- GForce purple, black and white sweatshirt (*NOT compulsory*)
- Purple, black and white tracksuit bottoms (*NOT compulsory*)
- Trainers (*NOT black soled for in the gym*).

Football boots for Rugby, Football, Hockey and Cross Country.

Shin pads and gum shields for Football, Rugby and Hockey. A towel is required during inclement weather.

PE kits must **NOT** be worn around the building, on the way to school or on the way home.

No other items of clothing are allowed.

DANCE KIT

Year 7 and 8 – remove shoes and socks and it is done in standard uniform.

Year 9, 10 and 11 – PE Kit is worn with shorts and if requested a purple hooded top can be ordered.

Other items of clothing may be worn as a costume for a specific performance or assessment only.

OTHER EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

School Bag, Pens & Pencils, Rubber, Ruler, Pencil Case, Calculator.

Mobile Phones are not allowed.

NOTES

- **All** items of clothing/equipment must be marked clearly with the pupil's name
- **No** excesses of fashion permitted
- **Please note** – garments **NOT** listed above will be confiscated. Pupils should take a pride in their standard of uniform and in their school. They represent the school through their appearance at all times.

Our school has a supportive family ethos where everyone is encouraged to achieve their potential.

We build positive relationships, celebrate diversity and promote tolerance.

We believe good manners and respect for each other are of the upmost importance and expect the highest standards of behaviour.

We work together in collaboration and are committed to furthering our learning.

We believe that to unlock potential in all our children and all our staff our core objective is simply:

**To create a compelling learning experience.
We do this by believing in people.**

ROCHDALE METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR FOR PUPILS – 2018/19

TERM	TERM STARTS	HALF TERM BREAK	TERM ENDS	NUMBER OF DAYS ATTENDANCE
AUTUMN	WEDNESDAY 5 TH SEPTEMBER 2018	MONDAY 22 ND OCTOBER 2018 to FRIDAY 26 TH OCTOBER 2018	FRIDAY 21 ST DECEMBER 2018	73 PUPIL DAYS
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – MONDAY 24TH DECEMBER 2018 – FRIDAY 4TH JANUARY 2019 INCLUSIVE				
SPRING	MONDAY 7 TH JANUARY 2019	MONDAY 18 TH FEBRUARY 2019 to FRIDAY 22 ND FEBRUARY 2019	FRIDAY 5 TH APRIL 2019	60 PUPIL DAYS
EASTER HOLIDAY – MONDAY 8TH APRIL 2019 – MONDAY 22ND APRIL 2019 INCLUSIVE 6TH MAY = BANK HOLIDAYS				
SUMMER	TUESDAY 23 RD APRIL 2019	MONDAY 27 TH MAY 2019 to FRIDAY 31 ST MAY 2019	FRIDAY 19 TH JULY 2019	57 PUPIL DAYS
				TOTAL 190 PUPIL DAYS

NON PUPIL DAYS:

Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th September 2018

Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th January 2019

Friday 28th June 2019