

Our ref: TSR/SCR

25th March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

End of term arrangements

Spring term ends at 12pm on Thursday 28th March. Students who are not able to go home at that time will be supervised by staff until 3pm. Hot and cold food will be available from the canteen at break time only. Please email admin@fearnhill.herts.sch.uk if your child requires supervision until 3pm.

Uniform changes

The school council has been tasked with reviewing the school uniform policy. The school council undertook an extensive period of consultation and research with students, and presented a very compelling and well-informed presentation to senior leaders on requested changes to the uniform policy. The primary concern of students was the unsuitability of the uniform in hot weather during the summer. I am pleased to say that we are ready to accept the first recommendations of the school council's review:

- During the summer term students may wear white polo shirts or their usual school shirt.
- Students do not need to wear a tie during the summer term.
- Students do not need to bring a blazer to school in June and July.

These changes come into force from the first day of the summer term, Monday 15th April. The changes will be trialled for the summer term. Students are still expected to have their shirts/polo shirts tucked in and there are no other changes to the uniform at this time. If there are no issues with the change of uniform policy during the summer term, we will have the same policy in summer 2025, except polo shirts will need to have a school logo. I will write to you about this again at the end of the summer term. I would like to congratulate students on the effectiveness with which they have made their case for a change in the uniform policy.

Parent Forum

We have received over 100 responses to the parent survey we recently sent out. These responses are valuable in helping us to understand our school better and make further improvements. I would like to share the outcomes of the survey with you and discuss plans for further school improvement at a Parent Forum event on Wednesday 24th April at 4:30pm. If you will be attending, please complete this form.

As we come to the end of another busy and productive term, let me take this opportunity to wish all our families a restful Easter holiday.

With best wishes

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