

# Fulston Manor School

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Dear Parent/Guardian

As part of my preparation for writing this letter I browsed over the Christmas letter sent last year – what a difference a year makes.

The past year has thrown innumerable challenges at us all, but through our community spirit we have supported each other and overcome those difficulties placed in our path. I cannot begin to thank the Fulston family enough for all they have done, staff, students, governors and parents alike. Whilst there have been many dark and difficult times over the past year, I would reflect on some of the positive elements; the sense of importance of family and togetherness, the appreciation of spending time with a loved one and the opportunities of shared experiences. It is these moments which we can hold dear and that will see us through the coming months.

I must congratulate all staff and students for the way they have calmly altered, a few times, their day to day routines as the pandemic led to frequent changes in guidance. I also thank parents who have continually supported both myself and my staff when difficult decisions have had to be made. We have always done so in the best interest of all of our community and appreciate your support with this. We have received so many wonderful messages each day and notes of thanks and appreciation and we are all extremely grateful to have had these and to have been able to share them with staff; thank you for taking the time to contact us.

This time of year is normally a busy time at Fulston Manor: The Annual Christmas Carol Concert, Christmas lunches and The Winter Concert, which this year have had to be cancelled. However, we are going to be launching our virtual Christmas Carol Concert this evening from 7:00 p.m. onwards, which will be available to view throughout the festive season. The links to access this can be found at the end of my letter and I would encourage you all to watch it. We did manage to keep the tradition of wearing a Christmas jumper, with donations going to The Brain Tumour Charity, thank you to all who donated.

Unfortunately, I do need to inform you of the sad passing of Janet Chamberlain. Janet worked at the school for over 18 years as part of the cleaning and catering teams and also supporting students with their reading. We are extremely grateful for all that she has contributed throughout her service to the school. Our thoughts and condolences are with her family at this sad time.

With the colder months now seeming to be upon us, I would like to draw your attention to the School Closure information at the end of my letter. This includes the procedures to follow should the school have to be closed due to adverse weather conditions. I would also like to draw to your attention the process for reporting a positive COVID case over the next 7 days. Please follow this link [COVID reporting](#) to report a case and we will be in contact; we will then be in touch with all those who had been in contact with the positive case for 48 hours before the symptoms began or before the test. Unfortunately, this may mean people having to isolate over the Christmas break.

Please note that the Main School Office and the Finance Office will be closed over the Christmas Holidays.

I would normally include important dates for your calendar but with the uncertainty of which events will take place I have only included term dates for 2021. Following the very recent (today at lunch) announcement about a staggered start to the term, I will write again tomorrow to confirm the arrangements for the start of term.

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Head of School Mrs S P Burden, LLB PGCE  
Executive Headteacher Mr A G Brookes, MA (Cantab)

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Finally, may I thank you once again for your continuing support and interest in the school and all of our activities.

May I take this opportunity on behalf of everyone at Fulston Manor to wish you a happy Christmas and a peaceful, safe new year.

Yours faithfully



**Mrs S Burden**  
**Head of School**

Links to access Fulston Manor Virtual Carol Concert – Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2020 from 7:00 p.m. onwards:

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/FulstonManorschool>

YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAGUqrkkXAIMvd1pBH-7dLw>

#### SCHOOL CLOSURE

In the event of the school having to close, due to adverse weather conditions for example, we notify parents in a variety of ways:-

- Kent school closure website [www.kentclosures.co.uk](http://www.kentclosures.co.uk)
- Notice on the home page of the school website and Social Media Accounts
- InTouch e-mail message service (direct to your e-mail addresses). Please login to the SIMS App to check your details to ensure we have the correct email address for yourself.

Friday	18/12/2020			<b>END OF TERM 2</b>
<i>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY: Monday 21st December 2020 – Friday 1st January 2021</i>				
Monday	04/01/2021			<b>START OF TERM 3 – TBC which year groups</b>
Friday	12/02/2021			<b>END OF TERM 3</b>
<i>HALF TERM: Monday 15th February– Friday, 19th February 2021</i>				
Monday	22/02/2021			<b>START OF TERM 4</b>
<i>SPRING HOLIDAY: Friday 2nd April – Friday 16th April 2021</i>				
Monday	19/04/2021			<b>START OF TERM 5</b>
Friday	28/05/2021			<b>END OF TERM 5</b>
<i>MAY HOLIDAY: Monday, 31st May - Friday 4th June 2021</i>				
Monday	07/06/2021			<b>START OF TERM 6</b>
Wednesday	21/07/2021			<b>END OF TERM 6</b>
<i>SUMMER HOLIDAY: Thursday 22nd July – Monday 30th August 2021</i>				