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16 June 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Eid Celebrations**

We know that many of our families will be celebrating Eid later this month, if you are planning your child to be absent from school please use this form to apply for exceptional leave of absence. [Click here](#). The DfE guidance allows 2 days a year for religious observance, any additional time will be unauthorised please keep this in mind if you have already taken time earlier in the year.

### **Disruption to First Buses**

At the time of writing we understand that from Sunday 18 June there will be an indefinite strike with First Bus drivers across Leeds. At the moment we are not aware of what any provisional timetable will look like but it may affect your family if your child travels to school on the 1, 6, 8, 19, 19a. If you think that your child will be affected by this disruption please complete [this form](#) so that we are aware.

### **'Learning at Lawnswood' celebration – change of date**

In last week's Headteacher's update, I informed you of our upcoming celebration of the wonderful learning that has happened at Lawnswood School this year, which we would love you to join us for. Due to the many other events happening at Lawnswood in the upcoming weeks, we have unfortunately had to change the date. The celebration will now take place **on Thursday 6 July at 2.45pm**

### **Parking on school site**

We do not have the space for parents/carers or taxis dropping off or picking up from the school site. Please do not drive onto the school site in the morning or afternoon. Cars in the carpark have been damaged because there is not enough space and staff have found it difficult to park and start their day. In addition, it is not safe for students to be walking near the vehicle entrance/exit or through the carpark. You can arrange to pick up your child at Weetwood Road or Spen Lane entrances/exits.

### **Uniform**

We have allowed students not to wear their blazers in the heat this week. Next week the weather forecast is not predicting such high temperatures, therefore students will need to bring and wear their blazers again. Please remind them of this and support our drive to ensure students wear their uniform with pride.

As the weather has become hotter, so the length of girls' skirts has become shorter. Our uniform policy is very clear that school skirts should be of a formal length. From Monday, if students are wearing skirts that are too short, we will either ask them to change into a skirt they can borrow from school, or we will send them home. I did hear that a local school sent 90 students home this week to change their uniform, I do not want to be in this position, so your support would be very much appreciated.

**Key dates for your diary the week commencing Monday 19 June**

**Monday**

Year 9 & Year 12 exams.

Year 10 reading tests.

Year 12 subject references open.

**Tuesday**

Year 10 exam prep assembly.

**Wednesday**

Lawnswood Choir perform at Leeds First Direct Arena in the evening. Rehearsals during the day.

**Thursday**

Year 12 Geography trip.

**Friday**

Focus on Your Future (FOYF) drop down morning.

Year 12 trip to Northumbria and Newcastle.

**24 June**

Headingley Music Festival – see poster below

**24-25 June**

Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition, Bramhope Scout Hut



Thank you again for your ongoing support, it is appreciated.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Bell', written in a cursive style.

Mrs J Bell  
Headteacher