



PARENTS NEWSLETTER JULY 2017

I am sure no-one needs reminding that Friday 21st is our last day of school before the summer holidays. You may want a small reminder that pupils return on Thursday 7th September. The first two days back: Thursday and Friday are very important for pupils as this is when all the introductory activities, settling back, getting books ready etc will take place. They will then have the weekend at home before starting the first full week.

Move up morning

As I write this, move up morning is just coming to an end and as usual the pupils have risen to the occasion and appear to have thoroughly enjoyed themselves. This year we have an unusually large new intake and welcome to those pupils who joined us today; we are very much looking forward to your return in September. My thanks to all the supporting staff, parents and family members who have joined us today.

On line school uniform ordering

This initiative appears to be working well for families and so a quick reminder here about how you can order school uniform on line. Follow the link:

http://www.brigade.uk.com/content.php?page=select_school&for=parents

Simply type in our school name 'Granta School' and our school details and logo will be shown. Instructions are very clear on how to order and there is help available if you are unsure. Delivery is free if you select your items to be delivered to school and we will send items home with your child.

Our Google pop up address is wrong!

When you are sending an item by post to school please take our address from our own website: google pop up window appears to have linked a frequent sat nav error and as a result post is going elsewhere. We have asked that the problem is resolved quickly but please make sure you are sending to: Granta School, Cambridge Road, Linton, CB21 4NN.

Duke of Edinburgh award winners

I am delighted that the last few weeks have seen more students complete and pass bronze, silver and gold levels in the Duke of Edinburgh award. Well done to all; you especially deserve a summer rest.

Transport Letters for all 6th form students.

If your child is in 6th form next year you should have received a transport letter direct from the local authority. If you have not then please contact them directly as soon as you read this message because they will need forms returned to make transport arrangements for your child. The online link for the form is:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-&-learning/school-transport/transport-for-post-16-pupils-with-special-educational-needs/>

You can contact the transport team on: 01480 372775

This applies to all 6th form students, years 12,13 and 14. Forms have to be renewed each year.

Snapchat and Snap Maps

The introduction of the location based map on the app Snapchat has caused a lot of concern. The Snap Map shows a user's Bitmoji (their cartoon avatar), on a map and then you can zoom in to see their exact location. This clearly has implications for children and vulnerable young people.

Childnet have published information about Snap Maps, top tips on keeping safe and instructions on how to change the settings to ensure any risk is minimised. The best tip is to use ghost mode which means that the individual themselves is the only person who can see the location.

You may like to find out more information from the link below.

<http://www.childnet.com/blog/introducing-snap-maps-the-new-location-sharing-feature-in-snapchat>

Dyslexia Guidance (2016)

I have been asked to let parents know that the authority educational psychology team are conducting a survey regarding dyslexia. If you would like to participate please follow the link below:

<http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/dyslexiaguidanceparentfeedback/>

Wishing you all a happy, sunny and peaceful holiday ahead. **On Friday we will send all medicines and personal items home.** If your child has any of these at school then please be aware that your child's bag will need safe handover by escorts and safe storage until it is unpacked.

Best wishes
Lucie