



3rd February 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

This year Frome College aims to fight climate change by working in partnership with Let's Go Zero. Let's Go Zero is the national campaign uniting teachers, students, parents and their schools as they all work together to be zero carbon by 2030.

We are currently collecting data to help us work out what steps we need to take to become less consumptive of carbon as a college community.

By completing the travel survey below, you will be supporting our campaign to bring about positive change. (Please complete one survey per Frome College student)

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdHMPNHp1IvuozZL222IXcbZweh5plL9yuFLprJj7JekDFHQ/vi_ewform?usp=sf_link

For further information about Let's Go Zero please click on the link below:

<https://letsgozero.org/>

Children's Mental Health Week - 3rd-9th February

Last week students took part in assemblies exploring Children's Mental Health Week and this year's theme 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'. Throughout this week students will be exploring the concept and power of affirmations during tutor time, visit an information and awareness stand run by our Place2Be Counsellor and take part in emotional health related activities at break and lunchtimes in H5. This is a really positive opportunity for all students to reflect on their mental health and work on personal strategies.

Year 13 Parents' Evening Tuesday 4th February

All Year 13 parents should have received an email to book meetings with teachers on 4th February. If you didn't receive one in your inbox, please check the junk folder. Please contact our IT support using fccitteam@fromecollege.org.uk if you have any technical issues.

Year 11 Revision Sessions in Half Term

To support our Easter revision conference this April, we are pleased to be able to offer some additional catch-up sessions during the upcoming February half-term. Students will be notified of these sessions by their subject teacher and will be asked to register their interest in attending. This is a prelude to our main Easter revision conference but will give students, especially those in Year 11, an opportunity to prepare for their upcoming second round of mocks and assessments. Information on what subject sessions are available will also be sent out to parents next week to encourage students to register to attend.

Year 9 Maths classes

Please be aware following assessments, our Maths teachers are in the process of reviewing sets for year 9 Maths students. Any necessary changes will be made at the beginning of this week to ensure students are in the most appropriate sets for their ability.

Finally please find attached information concerning our change of management information system I mentioned in last week's letter. We will begin to introduce this system to parents from next term onwards as we will use it as a main form of communication with home.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Emma Reynolds
Principal

Attachment: MNSP Letter Update on the Implementation of Arbor





29th January 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Update on the Implementation of Arbor

As part of our ongoing commitment to improving communication and streamlining processes within our schools, I am pleased to provide an update on the implementation of Arbor, our new management information system (MIS).

We are working diligently towards the planned rollout of Arbor on 1 April 2025. Significant progress has been made in preparing for this transition and we are confident that the system will bring numerous benefits to both the school and our families. Arbor is designed to enhance how we manage and share essential information, ensuring a more efficient and effective experience for all.

Implementation Process

We are starting the rollout process which will occur in three waves to ensure a smooth transition across our schools:

- **Wave 1:**
 - Peasedown St John Primary School
 - Westfield Primary School
 - Midsomer Norton Primary School
 - Clutton Primary School
 - St John's CofE Primary School
 - Norton Hill Primary School

- **Wave 2:**
 - Dundry CofE Primary School
 - Longvernal Primary School
 - St Mary's CofE Primary School
 - Shoscombe Church School
 - Welton Primary School
 - Trinity Church School
 - Hemington Primary School
 - Leigh-on-Mendip School
 - Farrington Gurney CofE Primary School
 - High Littleton CofE VC Primary School
 - St Julian's Church School
 - Trinity CofE First School

- **Wave 3:**
 - St Dunstan's School
 - Somervale Secondary School
 - Preston School Academy
 - Soundwell Academy
 - St Mark's CofE School
 - Somerset Studio School
 - St Matthias Academy
 - Frome Community College
 - Notton House Academy
 - Buckler's Mead School
 - Writhlington School
 - Beechen Cliff School
 - Oakfield Academy
 - Critchill Special School
 - Knowle DGE Academy

- Haysefield Girls School
- Norton Hill Secondary

Each wave will have a designated timeline and support structure to ensure all families and staff are well-prepared for the change. Detailed schedules and specific guidance for each school will be shared closer to their respective rollout dates.

Key Features for Families

Here are some of the ways Arbor will enhance your experience once fully implemented:

- **Access to Information:** View your child's attendance records, progress and key dates via the Arbor Parent Portal or app.
- **Improved Communication:** Receive updates, reminders, and messages directly to your registered email or app notifications.
- **Online Payments:** A simplified process for managing payments for school meals, trips, and other events will be available later in the new academic year 2025/26.

Next Steps

As we move closer to the rollout date, we will be in touch again with detailed information about how Arbor will interface with parents and carers. This will include instructions on how to access and use the Arbor Parent Portal, as well as guidance on its key features. Our goal is to ensure a smooth transition and to provide you with the support needed to make the most of this new system.

Support and Feedback

We understand that adopting a new system can bring questions and we are here to help. If you encounter any issues or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact your school office. Additionally, we welcome your feedback as we continue to fine-tune Arbor to meet the needs of our school communities.

Thank you for your support as we work towards this important milestone. We are confident that Arbor will play a significant role in strengthening the connection between school and home. We will keep you updated as we get closer to April 1st 2025 Go-Live date.

Kind regards



Mr A Williams
CEO