

# INTHEKNOW

Friday, 14 October 2022

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**Be Ambitious. Be Respectful. Be Kind. Be Safe. Be Fairfax.**

**ARKS**

**Being Ambitious means:**

- Working hard in lessons and being resilient when faced with challenges
- Participating in school life and contributing to your House
- Having good attendance and being punctual
- Wearing your uniform with pride and representing Fairfax positively
- Planning for your future and aiming high

**Being Respectful means:**

- Demonstrating good manners to staff, students and visitors
- Looking after the school environment and keeping it tidy
- Responding to staff requests, the first time you are asked
- Speaking to people with courtesy and respect both in school and the community
- Being considerate of others' personal space

**Being Kind means:**

- Accepting people for who they are, regardless of their differences
- Thinking of others' feelings and being considerate of others' points of view
- Going above and beyond to help and support others, especially those in need
- Thinking about the impact your words will have, before speaking
- Remembering that if you would not say it face-to-face, you should not say it online

**Being Safe means:**

- Behaving sensibly on school site and in the community
- Following staff instructions, the first time you are asked
- Thinking about the risks before doing something
- Using technology sensibly and being safe online
- Telling an adult if something is worrying you

## ARKS – The Fairfax Way

### #wearefairfax

Fairfax strongly believes in our key values of Ambition, Respect, Kindness and Safety – this is **The Fairfax Way**. We are proud of Fairfax's standards and expectations. After the half term break, we will be focusing on positive relationships through conversations, interactions, lessons and assemblies. Highlights of this work will be shared via our social media channels.

Student views will be integral to this, and we ask that you encourage your child to feedback using this link <https://forms.office.com/r/aVGg5aqKgC> and to share their views and opinions with the Academy.

## Black History Month 2022

Thank you to all staff and students who have been working to produce events to celebrate Black History Month 2022. Assemblies celebrating the impact black people have made to our society today took place last week.

Students have been learning about the history of Jazz, we have enjoyed Jerk Chicken in The Refectory and we have launched our new 'Humanities Colours' as part of the Black History Month competition. We have been blown away by the quality, the diversity and the effort of all entries. Winners will be announced soon.

**Black History Month 2022**

**"Time for Change: Action Not Words."**

To get to a better tomorrow, we can't just focus on the past. The past is in the past.

We can acknowledge and learn from it, but to improve the future, we need action, not words.

We need to come together around a shared common goal to achieve a better world for everyone.

## Attendance Matters

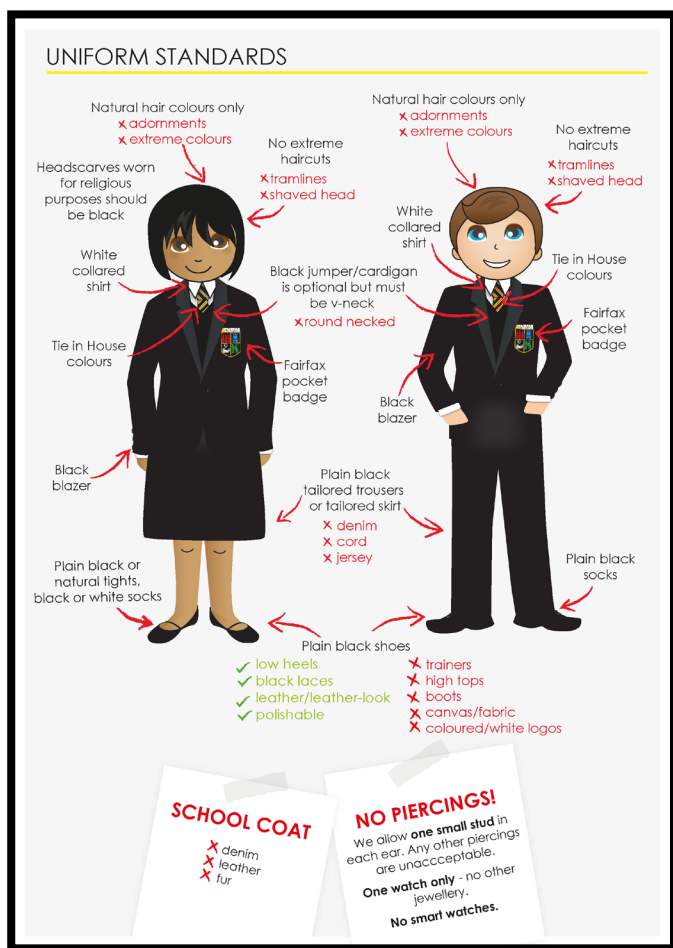
Well done to our students whose attendance has been high. A reminder that attendance should be 97% at least. Attendance improves achievement! Excellent attendance will be rewarded! Please support Fairfax in maintaining a high level. **Please contact the Academy before 08:30 each day of absence.**

## Attendance CSAWS

Please be reminded that CSAWS (Central School Attendance and Welfare Service) may conduct a home visit to any family whose child has not attended school and no valid reason has been provided.

## Term Time Holiday Requests

A reminder notice: parents/carers are kindly reminded that Fairfax Academy cannot authorise holiday leave during term time. Please be advised doing so may result in penalty charges.



## Standards Reminder

**Punctuality** A reminder notice: punctuality is a very important aspect of life. This is a key focus for Fairfax Academy as we prepare our students for the world of work, where there will be high expectations of attendance and punctuality. Registration begins at 08:30, and so we advise students to be in school no later than 08:25. Students who arrive later than 08:30 can expect to receive a same day after school detention for 30 minutes.

**Hair** A reminder notice: natural hair colours only. Extreme haircuts, including tramlines in haircuts or eyebrows, are not permitted.

**Piercings** A reminder notice: we allow one small stud in each ear – small hooped earrings are not permitted. Any other piercings are unacceptable and must be removed for school.

**Nose Studs** A reminder notice: nose studs are not allowed and must be removed for school.

**Uniform** A reminder notice: students who are unable to conform to our Uniform Policy will be provided with uniform to wear, until the issue can be rectified, and parents will be contacted about this if the need arises. We want our students to have the highest standards and this includes adhering to our Uniform Policy. We thank parents and carers very much for supporting our high expectations.

## Fairfax PFTA

An advance notice: the next PTA meeting is on Monday, 14 November 2022 at 18:00. Please email [ff-ptfa@fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:ff-ptfa@fairfax.fmat.co.uk) for more information and/or to confirm your attendance.

## Remembrance Day 2022

An advance notice: there will be a whole school remembrance event on Friday, 11 November 2022. If your child is a member of a uniformed organisation, such as Cadets or Scouts, and wishes to wear their uniform for this event, please email [post@fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:post@fairfax.fmat.co.uk) for the attention of Mrs Mace.

## Period Poverty

We believe at Fairfax that no girl should be in period poverty. We have a large range of free sanitary products including some period pants that girls are welcome to. They are kept in Student Support and we give them out to students discreetly. Please can you kindly remind your child where to get sanitary towels and tampons from if they need them. If there are any particular needs that school are not aware of, please can you contact Mrs Williams.

In addition to this, we have a small supply of knickers and tights. We are however running low on these. If you are in a position where you are able to purchase a pack of black knickers/tights that we can give to our girls as they need them, please can you send them to Mrs Williams.



### **MY CHILD AT SCHOOL Parent App**

We are pleased to inform parents/carers that the new parent app, 'My Child At School', will be launched next week. From Wednesday, 19 October pins/login instructions will be emailed to parents/carers.

Please email [post@fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:post@fairfax.fmat.co.uk) if you have not received your login instructions by Friday, 21 October.

In the meantime, if you wish to find out information regarding your child, please contact your child's Head of Year/Assistant Head of Year via email.

Head of Year 7	Mrs Rose	<a href="mailto:s.rose@fairfax.fmat.co.uk">s.rose@fairfax.fmat.co.uk</a>
Head of Year 8	Ms Ahmed-Lockley	<a href="mailto:s.ahmedlockley@fairfax.fmat.co.uk">s.ahmedlockley@fairfax.fmat.co.uk</a>
Assistant Head of Year	Mr Rainbow	<a href="mailto:r.rainbow@fairfax.fmat.co.uk">r.rainbow@fairfax.fmat.co.uk</a>
Head of Year 9	Mrs Colbourne	<a href="mailto:j.colbourne@fairfax.fmat.co.uk">j.colbourne@fairfax.fmat.co.uk</a>
Head of Year 10	Miss Dowell	<a href="mailto:m.dowell@fairfax.fmat.co.uk">m.dowell@fairfax.fmat.co.uk</a>
Assistant Head of Year	Mr Clark	<a href="mailto:g.clark@fairfax.fmat.co.uk">g.clark@fairfax.fmat.co.uk</a>
Head of Year 11	Mr Ravenscroft	<a href="mailto:c.ravenscroft@fairfax.fmat.co.uk">c.ravenscroft@fairfax.fmat.co.uk</a>
Assistant Head of Year	Mrs Barker	<a href="mailto:c.barker@fairfax.fmat.co.uk">c.barker@fairfax.fmat.co.uk</a>
Assistant Head of Sixth Form	Miss Gardner	<a href="mailto:j.gardner@fairfax.fmat.co.uk">j.gardner@fairfax.fmat.co.uk</a>
SENDCO	Mrs Corbett	<a href="mailto:k.corbett@fairfax.fmat.co.uk">k.corbett@fairfax.fmat.co.uk</a>
Assistant SENDCO	Miss Panesar	<a href="mailto:a.panesar@fairfax.fmat.co.uk">a.panesar@fairfax.fmat.co.uk</a>

### **Anti-bullying Policy**

Fairfax does not tolerate any form of bullying, and will act to support anyone in our community who experiences bullying; the 'bully' will also receive intervention support.

Please tell someone if you or someone you know is experiencing bullying.

Parents/carers can find a copy of our updated policy on our website: [Policies and Procedures – Fairfax Academy](#) for further detail. Please contact your child's Assistant Head of Year or Head of Year using the email addresses above, if you have any concerns.



### **The Eisteddfod – Myths and Legends**

During assemblies this week, information about the individual entries competitions has been shared. A copy of the slides is attached for your information.

The Eisteddfod performance evenings are on:

Wednesday, 14 December\* (Stratford and Warwick) 18:00 Displays 18:30 Performances

Thursday, 15 December (Coventry and Kenilworth) 18:00 Displays 18:30 Performances

Further Information about ticket sales will be sent next half term.

The Eisteddfod Zone commences w/b 31 October. Please email [ff-theeisteddfod@fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:ff-theeisteddfod@fairfax.fmat.co.uk) with any queries or concerns about the rehearsal schedule. House rehearsal schedules are attached for your information.

**\*Please be advised that in the event of a possible World Cup Semi-Final football match, featuring England, on Wednesday, 14 December, the performance evening for Stratford and Warwick will take place on Tuesday, 13 December. This will be confirmed on Wednesday, 30 November.**

### **Wet and Cold Weather**

A reminder notice: during wet and cold weather, we would ask that you **equip your child with a waterproof coat and/or umbrella** in order to ensure they are able to have a break outside. We know that being in the fresh air benefits well-being. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's Assistant Head of Year or Head of Year.

### **PE Lessons – Winter Months**

A reminder notice: with the colder months ahead, we kindly remind parents that students are permitted to wear the following to keep them warm during PE lessons:

- Girls are allowed to wear black base layers under their House polo shirt, along with the optional mid layer
  - N.B. the black base layers should be a long sleeved top and base layer leggings (no fashion leggings permitted)
- Boys are allowed to wear a long sleeved black base layer underneath their PE tops, and base layer black shorts under their shorts. Alongside this, an optional mid layer is permitted.

### **PE Lessons – Footwear**

Please be reminded that school shoes are not to be worn as PE trainers within PE lessons. Outdoor trainers should be worn in line with the Academy's Uniform Policy. Consequences will be issued to students who do not comply.

### **Careers**

In this edition, our Careers Advisor Mrs Knowles would like to share a great video about 'Green Careers'. It is very current, and we would encourage any student, who is interested in doing their bit to save the planet through their career choice, to watch the video and review the website.

Recording: [Green Sector Careers with Energy & Utility Skills](#)

YouTube: [Energy & Utility Skills YouTube Video](#)

EU Skills Career Website: <https://www.euskills.co.uk/careers/>

### **Equalities Group Meeting**

A reminder notice: all students are invited to attend the next Equalities Group Meeting on Tuesday, 1 November 2022 15:00-16:00 in the Library. If your child is interested in getting involved please encourage them to attend or speak to Miss Gardner or Mrs Williams.

### **PRIDE Meeting**

A reminder notice: all students are invited to attend our next PRIDE Meeting on Wednesday, 10 November 2022 15:00-16:00 in A24. If your child is interested in getting involved please encourage them to attend or speak to Mrs Lam or Mrs Williams.

### **School Council Meeting**

A reminder notice: all students are invited to attend our next School Council Meeting on Thursday, 20 October 2022 15:00-16:00 in the Library. If your child is interested in getting involved please encourage them to attend or speak to Ms Lowell or Mrs Williams.

YEAR 7

A reminder notice: the Redpoint visits are scheduled for w/b 17 October:

- Coventry House – Monday, 17 October
- Kenilworth House – Tuesday, 18 October
- Stratford House – Wednesday, 19 October
- Warwick House – Thursday, 20 October

Students are required to bring a packed lunch, wear trainers, casual trousers (not jeans) and a warm top. Please note students' clothes may get dusty/dirty. Students are reminded to meet in the Upper Refectory on the day of their House visit. Students not going on the visit will be in normal lessons.

A reminder notice: Year 7 students should be wearing shoes to school. Trainers such as Airforce 1s are not permitted.

A reminder notice: to support students with Mathematics, all students in Year 7 have been set weekly revision on MyMaths; students should receive letters with log in details w/b 17 October, and students' work will be monitored by Mathematics staff. Mathematics Revision Guides for Year 7 students will be available to order on ParentPay soon.

YEAR 8

An advance notice: Year 8-13 Parents/Carers are invited for 'Coffee & Cake' with the Principal on Thursday, 3 November 18:30-19:30. Please confirm your attendance by emailing [post@fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:post@fairfax.fmat.co.uk).

A reminder notice: from January 2023 **ALL** students in **ALL** year groups are expected to wear shoes to school. Trainers such as Airforce 1s are not permitted.

A reminder notice: to support students with Mathematics, all students in Year 8 have been set weekly revision on MyMaths; this will be monitored by Maths staff. Mathematics Revision Guides for Year 8 students are available to order on ParentPay.

YEAR 9

An advance notice: Year 8-13 Parents/Carers are invited for 'Coffee & Cake' with the Principal on Thursday, 3 November 18:30-19:30. Please confirm your attendance by emailing [post@fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:post@fairfax.fmat.co.uk).

A reminder notice: from January 2023 **ALL** students in **ALL** year groups are expected to wear shoes to school. Trainers such as Airforce 1s are not permitted.

A reminder notice: to support students with Mathematics, all students in Year 9 have been set weekly revision on MyMaths; this will be monitored by Maths staff. Mathematics Revision Guides for Year 9 students are available to order on ParentPay.

YEAR 10

An advance notice: Year 10 Parents' Evening is on Wednesday, 2 November, 15:45 -18:45 and will take place in the Hall and Gym. Please be reminded that Fairfax uses an online booking system for Parents' Evening. Information about how to log on and book appointments will be sent w/b 17 October 2022. Bookings open on Monday, 31 October at 18:00. If you have any concerns or queries about parents' evening please email [ff-parentsevening@fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:ff-parentsevening@fairfax.fmat.co.uk).

A reminder notice: invited students have received a letter and information from Miss Dowell about the reward trip to Tamworth on Thursday, 3 November. The ParentPay deadline for this trip is today – Friday, 14 October 2022, and payment cannot be accepted after this date.

An advance notice: Year 8-13 Parents/Carers are invited for 'Coffee & Cake' with the Principal on Thursday, 3 November 18:30-19:30. Please confirm your attendance by emailing [post@fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:post@fairfax.fmat.co.uk).

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A reminder notice: to support students with Mathematics, all students in Year 10 have been set weekly revision on MyMaths; this will be monitored by Maths staff. Mathematics Revision Guides for Year 10 students are available to order on ParentPay.

YEAR 11

An advance notice: Year 8-13 Parents/Carers are invited for 'Coffee & Cake' with the Principal on Thursday, 3 November 18:30-19:30. Please confirm your attendance by emailing [post@fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:post@fairfax.fmat.co.uk).

An advance notice: Year 11 Mock Examinations will take place between Monday, 7 November and Friday, 18 November 2022. An overview timetable is available on the school website under 'Examination Information'. Students are reminded to ensure that they bring a black pen and pencil to each exam. Calculators and Mathematics equipment will be provided. Water bottles must be clear with labels removed and not feature any patterns or writing. Students will receive an individual timetable with times and locations of each exam next week.

An advance notice: our annual Sixth Form Open Evening is on Tuesday, 8 November 2022 18:00-20:00. We look forward to welcoming you on the evening. Doors open at 17:45. The Principal Talks are at 18:00 and 18:45 in the Hall. The online application form on our website opens on Wednesday, 9 November 2022.

An advance notice: Year 11 Parents' Evening is on Wednesday, 30 November, 15:45 -18:45 and will take place in the Hall and Gym. Please be reminded that Fairfax uses an online booking system for Parents' Evening. Information about how to log on and book appointments will be sent w/b 21 November 2022. Bookings open on Monday, 28 November at 18:00. If you have any concerns or queries about parents' evening please email [ff-parentsevening@fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:ff-parentsevening@fairfax.fmat.co.uk).

A reminder notice: from January 2023 **ALL** students in **ALL** year groups are expected to wear shoes to school. Trainers such as Airforce 1s are not permitted.

A reminder notice: to support students with Mathematics, all students in Year 11 have been set weekly revision on MyMaths; this will be monitored by Maths staff. Mathematics Revision Guides for Year 11 students are available to order on ParentPay; topics checklists are also on Show My Homework. Students have been given past papers which are also available on our website. Details about revision sessions will soon be emailed, and if you would like your child to attend please contact the school.



# FAIRFAX SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

TUESDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2022 | 6:00PM

NOVEMBER  
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APPLICATIONS  
OPEN

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...There is consistent practice in teaching, learning and assessment in the sixth form, with a cycle of **teaching, assessing, evaluation** with suggestions for improvement'. Students fully support and value this way of learning. OFSTED 2019



SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR FURTHER DETAILS

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A reminder notice: Private Study in period 5 can be used as 'Home Study'. Students who have Private Study in period 5 will be permitted to leave the school site at lunchtime provided that they sign out in the Sixth Form prior to leaving.

A reminder notice: Unifrog logins for Year 12 have been emailed, and all students need to ensure they log on before half term.

**An advance notice: due to the announcement by UCAS that their Discovery Exhibitions that are held at Birmingham NEC have moved to Monday, 26 and Tuesday, 17 June 2023, we have moved the week of work experience to the Monday, 19 – Friday, 23 June 2023, so that we will be able to organise for students to attend the exhibition. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause, and if your child has already organised their work placement, please ask them to speak to a member of the Sixth Form Team.**

A reminder notice: sixth formers should check their school email for correspondence from the Sixth Form Team and Careers department. Please see Sixth Form Supervisors if there are issues accessing Outlook.

An advance notice: Year 8-13 Parents/Carers are invited for 'Coffee & Cake' with the Principal on Thursday, 3 November 18:30-19:30. Please confirm your attendance by emailing [post@fairfax.fmat.co.uk](mailto:post@fairfax.fmat.co.uk).

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A reminder notice: to support their studies, Year 12 Mathematics students have been set weekly revision on MyMaths; this will be monitored by Maths staff. Mathematics Revision Guides for Year 12 students are available to order on ParentPay.

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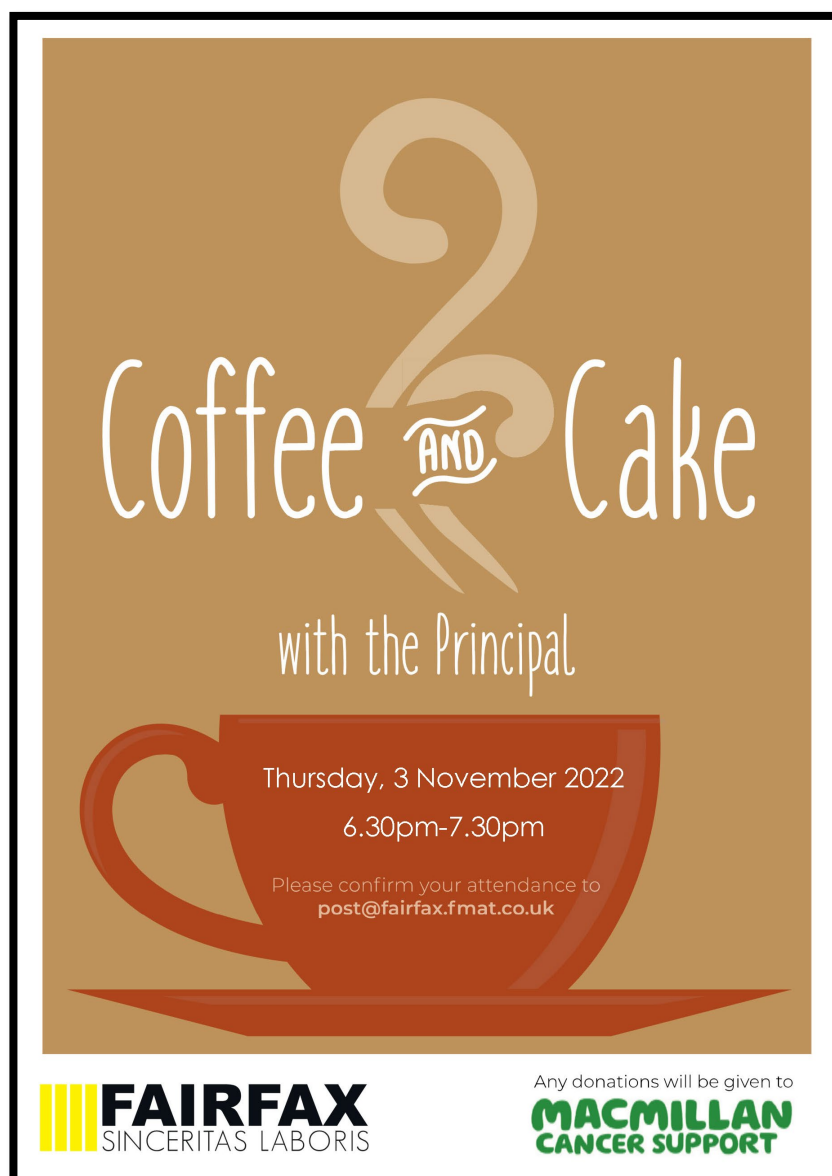
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A reminder notice: after a successful week of 'Personal Statement' workshops, students should now have started thinking about their Personal Statements. All resources from the workshops can be found on SHMW. UCAS Personal statements should be given to Ms Gray or Miss Gardner for checking and can be given to the Sixth Form supervisors to be passed on.

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A reminder notice: to support their studies, Year 13 Mathematics students have been set weekly revision on MyMaths; this will be monitored by Maths staff. Mathematics Revision Guides for Year 13 students are available to order on ParentPay. Year 13 Mathematics students also have revision sessions; details of these have been previously emailed.



AMBITION. RESPECT. KINDNESS. SAFETY.



If someone hurts  
or upsets you or  
another person.  
If someone makes you  
or another person  
feel uncomfortable.

If someone you  
know is behaving in  
an unsafe way that  
might put themselves  
or others at risk of  
harm.

If you or another  
person is in a  
relationship  
that is not healthy.

You must tell a member of staff or an adult you trust.

**We will listen to you.**

WE ARE A SCHOOL OF  
**RESPECT AND KINDNESS**  
BULLYING HAS NO PLACE AT FAIRFAX.

