



24th February 2022

Dear Parent / Carer,

As we end the Half-term I would like to thank you for the support you have shown your children and the school.

There are still a number of challenges to overcome with the ongoing Pandemic, however I am proud that we have managed to get through the half-term without having to move year groups to remote learning. The biggest challenge for us has been around staffing as a result of Covid illness and isolations. I am sure this will remain a challenge over the coming weeks but rest assured we will do all we can to ensure pupils are in school and continuing with their learning.

This half term has been very successful and there are signs that we are returning to normality. Year 10 and Year 11 have completed external examinations and Year 11 have just completed a full set of Pre-Public Examinations to prepare them for the Summer examinations. I must compliment all pupils involved – this experience will prove very valuable for them in preparing them for the rigours of the Summer examination series. It does seem that expectations of normality are returning for schools, even if a number of challenges still remain. We have always been proud of our high standards and high expectations within school and these have certainly contributed to the success of the pupils when they leave us.

I would ask for your continued support in ensuring that your children arrive at school in the correct uniform and fully equipped to learn.

Pupils are expected to wear full school uniform on the days when they do not have PE – this includes wearing their blazers.

On days when pupils have PE, they can arrive at school wearing their school PE kit. If the weather is cold, they are able to wear jogging bottoms but must wear their school PE shirt. With the colder weather, they can wear their school rugby shirt or 3 quarter zipped top if they wish. Pupils are welcome to wear their coats to school, however we will not allow hoodies or branded jumpers that are not school jumpers into school. Pupils are asked to remove any outer coats when they leave the ground floor canteen and move up to the classrooms on B and C floors.

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If there is an issue with your child's PE kit, please make sure they wear full uniform to school and bring a T-shirt etc to wear for PE in their bag. They will have access to the changing rooms to get changed for their lesson.

Please check that your children have the required writing equipment to come to school. If there are particular issues with uniform or writing equipment, please feel free to contact us and we will try and support as best we can.

I would ask that you support us by reinforcing these expectations with you children so that we can focus on their learning in school.

The Pandemic has caused immense challenges for all schools. Throughout the last 18 months, we have continued to develop in order to provide the best education for our pupils. As a school, we are very reflective and always willing to explore areas that can be further developed. I would like to thank you for completing our recent questionnaire. The results were very positive and there were a number of constructive points raised that we will take on board.

There are certain areas that we have identified to need further exploration For example, Communication, Pupil relationships and School transport.

Over the coming weeks, I will be writing to you to explain what we do in these areas and what changes can be made to further improve, in light of the suggestions made on the questionnaire.

I wish you a restful half term break and look forward to welcoming the pupils back to school on Monday 28th February.

Kind regards

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