



Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have had a lovely summer break and are ready for the term ahead.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all students back to school (please note, Year 7 only on Tuesday, Years 7, 10 and 11 on Wednesday and all year groups on Thursday.)

Some brief reminders prior to our return:

Positive Attitude to Learning

As previously communicated, we will be implementing our new "PA2L" policy next week. The vast majority of our expectations and rules will remain the same, but the way in which we reward positive behaviour and administer sanctions if students do not meet these expectations, will be significantly different.

All students will be issued an "ARCK Record" which replaces the previous school planner. It is essential that this is brought to school every day, as students will need this to gain their recognition stamps, and we will be using it to communicate with you. If a student does not bring their ARCK record with them on two or more occasions within a half term, they will be isolated in school.

Class Charts

Along with the ARCK Record replacing our current planners, homework will be set and submitted in a different way from September. Individual teachers will set home learning through an online platform called Class Charts. Individual log in details will be sent to you in due course, along with further guidance.

Uniform

When students arrive to school, their uniform will be checked, along with challenging any banned items such as trainers, rings, bracelets, necklaces etc. These items will be removed by students and if seen again or are repeatedly a problem they will be confiscated for the rest of the day.

The only footwear that is appropriate are plain all black leather footwear (no fabric sections anywhere on the shoe). There should be no different coloured soles and staff decision on what is appropriate is final.

Any types of leggings/joggers/jeggings/jeans are not acceptable under any circumstances.

Students who arrive at school with incorrect uniform will be expected to borrow correct uniform and then attend lessons as normal. Refusal of this will be dealt with as defiance and the student will be isolated for the remainder of the day.

Please also be reminded that coats should not be worn in the school building. We have enough lockers for all students and they are all encouraged to use one. Coats and any other non-essential items should be kept in lockers, which can be accessed on the way down to break and lunch only.

School Day from September

A reminder that the school day runs from 8.30-3pm Monday to Friday

Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC)

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in educational settings. RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete; because it is weaker than regular concrete, concerns have been raised about its long-term durability. Department for Education (DfE) has recently changed its guidance to education settings on the management of RAAC to take a more precautionary approach and as a result areas in affected spaces will be vacated.

We wanted to inform you that we are not affected by this decision as we do not have RAAC in any of our buildings and therefore they will continue to function as normal. We understand that parents may want to understand more about the support to educational settings to manage RAAC safely. You can read more through the article published by the DfE on the Education Hub.

Yours faithfully



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