



27 May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you are all well and you are looking forward to the half term break and some sunshine.

As always, we want to work in partnership with parents and carers and so I am asking for your support with maintaining our high standards in school:

Daily non-negotiables

1. Uniform

We expect all students to uphold our high standards of dress. Full school uniform should be worn – this includes a jumper, shirt, tie and blazer. Students are allowed to wear **summer uniform** if they wish – this is a polo shirt in the same colour as the year group school jumper, school trousers and a BBEC blazer. **There should be no students wearing trainers and school trousers (not leggings or jeans) should be worn by all.**

We **expect that all school uniform issues should be resolved after the half term holiday**. Please contact us on admin@buttershaw.net if you have any financial difficulties buying uniform and we will see how we can support you. **Students will be expected to borrow uniform and shoes if they arrive at school incorrectly dressed.**

2. Jewellery, hair colour, nails and false eyelashes:

Our rules are clear and have been re-iterated to students repeatedly via assemblies and form time discussions. Jewellery should be limited to a watch and plain, small stud earrings (**one per ear maximum**). **Bracelets, rings, necklaces, bars, hoops, other piercings etc are not allowed.** There is a clear expectation that nose piercings should be replaced with a clear plastic retainer whilst in school (we will provide these if necessary). Nails should be of a short length, and false eyelashes (individual or multi) are not suitable for school and are not allowed. Hair colour should be natural. All these rules are clearly written in the student planner. **Please ensure that your child(ren) do not come to school breaking these rules as jewellery will be confiscated for a period of time if it is worn in school.**

3. Equipment

We expect students to arrive each day with full equipment for them to learn effectively. **This includes an absolute minimum of a pen, pencil, ruler.** We recommend that students also have a scientific calculator and spare pens, pencils etc.

We also expect every student to bring a **bag** to school each day. This will have their **planner** in it along with homework, PE kit if needed and can be used to put coats and hoodies in during the day. The bag should be large enough to fit in an A4 folder.

4. Vapes and e-cigarettes

It is not acceptable to smoke or vape anywhere on the school site or in the building. The law allows us to search for banned items and we will use this facility if we suspect a student may be bringing banned items



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including vapes into school. It is school policy to dispose of all such items if they are found and confiscated, they will not be returned even if parents request them to be.

5. Attendance

A huge thankyou to all the parents and students who have made a real effort to improve attendance since Easter as part of our Summer of Success campaign. The number of students who have been in everyday has increased hugely this term but we need to keep this going if we are to improve school's overall attendance. Our new Family Liaison Officer has started her role and will be working with families to support students to attend every day.

Punctuality to school and lessons has also improved, only small numbers of students are still not making it on time, we will deal with these individually. Thanks, as ever, for your support in encouraging your child to be successful at school.

6. End of Year Exams

As we enter the final half term please make sure that your child is preparing well and revising hard at home for their end of year exams. Please also make sure that they come fully equipped for their exams; students will need

- at least two black pens
- two pencils
- a ruler
- a rubber
- a calculator for the maths and science exams

I hope that everyone has a great half term break and we look forward to seeing students back in school on Monday 6th June for the final half term of the academic year.

Yours sincerely



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