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Dear Parents / Carers

We have reached the end of Term 3, one day early because of the safety risks associated with Storm Eunice. This term was already made difficult for all of us with the rise in Covid infections. However, we have come through it thanks to all of us working together. We are now preparing for next term and a return of 'normality'.

To that end we are confirming that normal expectations will be re-emphasized from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February with regard to uniform. We will continue to reinforce high expectations around the use of mobile phones, punctuality and attendance as well as attitude to learning. Further details can be found by clicking <a href="here">here</a>.

Please note that we will expect students to not wear coats and/or hoodies in school from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

We are finding a small number of students wanting to vape in school; this is not only against school rules but also illegal. Please see the information below about the health concerns surrounding their use: <u>Vaping Notice to Parents / Carers-15.02.2022</u>

## **Covid Update**

Thank you for your ongoing support with the school's Covid mitigation actions. While we did see a marked increase in the number of positive cases in Term 3, this has now reduced significantly. Moving into Term 4, we are not expecting students to wear masks. However, this will be reviewed alongside the national guidance.

## **Absence Notifications**

From the start of Term 4 the number for you to text informing of your child's absence will be **07908661525.** You will receive a text from our old number informing you that it will be discontinued followed by a text from the new number.

## **Advance Information for the Summer Examinations**

To help students revise, exam boards have recently published some advance information about the focus of exams for most subjects at GCSE, AS and A-level. This information is available online and will be used by subject teachers to focus their preparations for the summer exams. Dr Cunningham has sent a separate letter to relevant Year 11, 12 and 13 students outlining where this information can be found: Summer Examinations Letter – 17.02.2022

## **Parent Working Party - Student Progress Reports**

In Term 4, as part of our ongoing commitment to improving whole school communication, we are going to review the effectiveness of the school's reporting system. A vital part of this work will be to get constructive feedback from students and parents / carers across the school. Therefore, our intention is to invite parents / carers to join a working party dedicated to supporting the improvement of student reports. If this is something that interests you and you would like to get involved then please email <a href="mailto:admin@rednockschool.org.uk">admin@rednockschool.org.uk</a>, FAO Dr Sharron Cunningham.

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Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support during these extraordinary times. We do appreciate it. I hope that you and your family have a restful break.

Yours faithfully

Mr David Alexander

**Head Teacher** 











