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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of our first half term of the school year, I wanted to thank you for all your support with all the new procedures and approaches we have had to implement in order to keep everyone safe. There have been many new routines to get used to for pupils, parents and staff and it would have been so much more difficult to accomplish without your support, so thank you.

I hope that all pupils are able to enjoy their time at home and rest over the half term break so that they are fully prepared for next half term.

To ensure that pupils can focus fully on their learning on their return, we ask that all parents and carers ensure pupils have everything they need to be dressed in the correct uniform and have all the equipment they need for a day of learning. Pupils not wearing the correct uniform or not being fully equipped is disruptive to learning.

Over the half term break please check that your child has the correct uniform and all necessary equipment:

Uniform

- An appropriate coat particularly in the winter months.

In light of the updated (21 October 2020) government guidance to reduce the risk of transmission, schools are required to use outdoor space as much as possible. We will continue to use the external key stage bubble zones for break and lunch times. With inclement weather a reality over the next few months, we are asking you to please ensure that your son or daughter has a waterproof coat to avoid getting wet should it begin raining whilst they are outdoors and they may wish to consider bringing a change of footwear and an umbrella.

We will of course use the indoor zones on days when there is a heavy downpour but wish to avoid having large groups of pupils congregating indoors; pupils and staff need to be prepared to be outside even if it is raining so that rooms can be vacated, cleaned and ventilated. I know that you appreciate our efforts to minimise the risk of the spread of Covid-19.

- Hoodies are not acceptable in place of a coat. A hoodie can be worn in PE lessons however this must be the school PE hoodie, or a plain black or navy hoodie. Hoodies in other colours or with logos or writing are not permitted. Pupils should also have an appropriate coat with them.
- Skirts should be at least knee-length. Tight fitting and skater skirt styles are not acceptable. Children grow throughout the school year and a skirt that is an appropriate length and fit at the start of the school year may not be so as the school year continues.
- Tights must be plain black or grey. Tights should not be patterned.
- Trousers should be grey, black or dark blue. They should be a tailored fit. Tight-fitting, skinny fit trousers, jogging bottoms (apart from on PE days), jeans or leggings are not acceptable.



- Shoes should be formal in style, medium cut (meaning below the ankle) and leather or leather like. They should be robust and have appropriate fastening: velcro straps, laces or buckles. Ballerina shoes, trainers (apart from on PE days), boots or canvas shoes are not acceptable footwear.
- All hair below shoulder length should be tied up. Large and excessive hair slides and headbands (for examples JoJo bows) are not acceptable. Pupils should not have dyed hair. Pupils are not permitted to wear makeup, nail varnish or false nails.

Equipment

Every pupil is asked to provide the following basic items of equipment for every lesson

- Black/blue handwriting pen (not a biro or cartridge pen)
- Pencil
- 30 cm ruler (non-bendy)
- Pencil eraser
- Pencil sharpener
- Colouring pencils/fine fibre tips
- Calculator
- A4 plastic wallet for homework
- Water bottle
- Reading book
- Key Stage 3 (Years 7 and 8) pupils must bring a reusable face covering to school in line with Covid 19 protective measures. Pupils will need a plastic bag or holder to carry their mask when they are not using them (for example, when in lesson).

Some individuals are exempt from wearing face coverings. This applies to those who:

- cannot put on, wear or remove a face covering because of a physical or mental illness or impairment or disability
- speak to or provide assistance to someone who relies on lip reading, clear sound or facial expression to communicate

Please contact the school office if you have any questions regarding exemptions.

Please make sure all uniform and equipment is clearly named.

We look forward to welcoming all pupils back on Tuesday 3 November.

Your sincerely



Miss Z J Linington
Federation Headteacher