

22 October 2021

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you for your support across term one of this academic year. I am extremely proud of our students and the way that they have approached their learning this term. They have been positive, engaged, interested, and behaved brilliantly. It has been a pleasure to have them in school.

Our open evening and open mornings have gone well, and all those students who helped during these events were fantastic ambassadors for the school. Many prospective parents praised how polite, honest, and well-spoken they were. We are very proud of our students, especially after such a difficult last 18 months.

During terms 5 and 6 of last year we carried out a behaviour review, this included consultation with parents, teachers, and students. As a result, we have made some changes this year, including to mobile phone use and giving greater clarity to our expectations so that students are able to focus even more on their learning. There has been an emphasis on students being in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing, so that they are ready to learn. The students have responded superbly to these changes, with fantastic support from our staff.

We are appreciative of your support in these key areas, including a focus on uniform. Please can I ask that this is maintained during term 2. This is particularly important as we move into winter and need to ventilate classrooms. Students should be wearing school uniform, including a jumper, before teachers allow them to put on a coat in lessons if the room is colder due to ventilation. Our Carbon Dioxide monitors have arrived in school and we will be trailing these in a few classrooms after half term, before rolling them out to key areas of the school.

We continue to keep a close eye on our COVID-19 cases, whilst we have not had an outbreak in any year group, we have several next steps ready to use if more cases occur. We will continue to consult with both the Department for Education and Public Health England before we take any further precautions.

This week all students received more home testing kits. Please continue the twice weekly testing routine over the half term break. Most of the cases we have had have been asymptomatic, therefore regular testing helps to reduce the spread in school and disruption to our students' education.



Please can I also remind parents and carers who collect their students from school to be careful about where they park when waiting for their child. Recently a few parents have been parking on the green opposite school, we have also had occasional incidents of people parking in front of garages, blocking pedestrian crossings, or in the bus stop outside of school. Please can I ask that these locations are not used whilst waiting to pick your child up. Whilst I appreciate parking can be difficult, it is important that we look after our neighbours, and ensure the safety of students and the public on a busy road at a busy time of day.

I hope you have a good half term and look forward to seeing son/daughter safely back in school on 1st November.

Yours sincerely,



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