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Dear Parent/Carer,

Happy new year!

We are looking forward to welcoming all our pupils back to school tomorrow (Tuesday 6th) after the Christmas break. A few nerves are to be expected, but if your child is feeling particularly anxious, then please let us know and we can help.

All pupils will be with their form tutor for period 1 on Tuesday, and normal lessons will resume from period 2.

Due to the inclement weather that we have experienced recently it is likely that all PE activities in this first week back will be indoors as much as physically possible. This means that all pupils will require an indoor PE kit for this first week back, this includes: shorts, t-shirt, white socks and clean shoes for participation. As the week goes on and as the weather hopefully clears, we will update pupils with when we will continue with their arranged activities.

Please ensure that your child arrives to school wearing as many layers as possible in order to protect them from the harsh wintery conditions. Pupils should be arriving to school wearing a coat in order to keep them warm and dry throughout the day.

Uniform

As a school community, we are rightly proud of how smart our pupils look. Here are some key reminders:

- Pupils are required to wear their school blazer, blue shirt and school tie every day.
- Pupils must wear traditional black or brown shoes or boots which can be polished (trainers are not permitted).
- Skirts must not be made from stretchy material, be too tight-fitting (e.g. if the skirt rides up when pupils are walking) or be worn rolled up at the waist. They must be of an appropriate length, worn closer to the knee than the hip.
- Pupils are permitted to wear tailored school shorts throughout the year if they wish.
- Socks must be black or navy with no logos.
- Trousers should be full length (touching the top of the shoe) and must not be tight fitting or leggings/jeans. **Flared legging-style trousers are not permitted.**
- Nose studs and nose rings are not permitted to be worn but we do allow a clear, discreet plastic retainer for nasal piercings.
- Pupils are permitted to wear one stud earring per earlobe. We do not permit any other earrings to be worn in any other place on the ear. Hoop earrings are not permitted for health and safety reasons as they can get caught and ripped out.

If you have difficulty with the cost of buying uniform, please contact us at school. We have lots of high-quality, second-hand uniform available and we may be able to support with the cost of buying uniform for some families.

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Equipment

All pupils are required to have the following equipment with them, every day:

- Blue or black pens
- Green pen
- Ruler
- Glue stick
- Pencil sharpener
- Pencil
- Rubber
- Calculator
- Headphones (not wireless)
- Compass & protractor (compulsory for pupils in Years 10 and 11)
- Apron (on DT days)

Please contact us at the school if you have any difficulty with this equipment list and we will do our best to help you.

Attendance and punctuality

We expect pupils to be at school, on time, every day during term time. Every school day really does count. It is important that every pupil feels part of our school community, and that is more challenging if a pupil is not here as often as others. One day off is five hours of missed learning, and a lost opportunity to build on relationships with friends, teachers and other adults in school.

Sometimes pupils might find it difficult to come into school, but that isn't a reason to stay at home. Please let us know as early as possible if things are becoming difficult, and we can work together to improve things.

We are looking forward to welcoming your child back tomorrow, and to another positive, successful term ahead. Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Ms E. Webb
Deputy Headteacher – Pupil Support, Behaviour and Attendance