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Dear Parent/Carer,

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your support over the past term, and wish you a very happy Easter break.

We are looking forward to welcoming pupils back to school on **Tuesday 14th April**. A few nerves before the return to school are quite normal, 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.

Uniform

When we return on Tuesday 14th April, pupils are permitted to wear our summer uniform. This is a pale blue (button) polo shirt in place of the blue shirt and tie. The polo shirt does not have to be tucked in. If pupils prefer, they may continue to wear the normal blue shirt (tucked in), but remove their tie.

During the summer term, if a pupil is cold, it is expected they wear a Neatherd blazer or school jumper in lessons. A coat will not be permitted in place of a blazer.

Here are some key uniform reminders:

- 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), must not be tight fitting, and must not be leggings or 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 a maximum of two stud earrings 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
- Compass & protractor (compulsory for pupils in Years 10 and 11)
- Apron (on DT days)
- Pencil
- Rubber
- Calculator
- Headphones (not wireless)
- A reading book (KS3 pupils)

Please contact us 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.

Online safety

On a final note, with the holidays coming up, we wanted to help you to keep your children safe by highlighting some of the risks and dangers around being online. As young people spend more time online, we need to help them navigate the digital world safely and responsibly.

Occasionally, social media and messaging platforms can create pressure to share personal or intimate images, but it's important that pupils understand how dangerous this can be. Once an image or video is sent, it can be copied, shared, or misused in ways they never intended, often causing lasting emotional harm. Creating or sharing indecent images of anyone under 18 - even of themselves - can also lead to serious legal consequences. Our aim is not to alarm, but to ensure every family feels informed and supported as we guide pupils toward safer choices online. If you are concerned about this over the holidays, please contact the police on 101, or 999 in an emergency.

We are looking forward to welcoming your child back after Easter, 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