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Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the end of the first full week since all the students returned fully to school post-lockdown, I thought that I would write home to share some information and welcome everyone back formally.

As ever, the students have eased themselves back into school with limited fuss. Their resilience, receptiveness and kindness is evident for all to see. The whole country has had to cope with difficulties over the past twelve months; it has been an incredibly difficult and unique time in all of our lives and our young people have had much to adapt to. We are immensely proud of them all.

I would like to ask again for your support in helping us maintain the highest standards in everything that the students do. I will never shy away from having the highest expectations and highest aspirations for all of the students.

Please ensure that your child attends school. After the time away during lockdown it is crucial that they now are here every day. I ask for your support in helping us enforce this.

Please ensure that they are correctly prepared for school - the correct uniform and the correct equipment.

Uniform and equipment

Normal high standards of uniform are expected. A full list is available on the school website. Students will be permitted to come to school in their PE kit on the specific day they have PE as no changing facilities will be available in school. **Students must wear their blazer with their PE kit.**

PE kit will have to be correct (as per our uniform regulations), smart and clean. Only school PE tracksuits and PE hoodie / jumpers will be allowed. **No branded hoodies.**

Students will need to bring their own equipment with them. Whilst this has always been expected it remains crucial. Please ensure that your child brings with them a bag and all of the essential equipment they need for their lessons - pens, pencils, crayons, ruler, calculator, apron (D&T).

A reminder that hair should be of natural colour with no extreme shades or designs. No facial piercings are permitted.



Mobile phones should not be seen or heard on site and will be confiscated as per school policy.

Attendance and Behaviour

Government guidance is that student attendance is mandatory. As such we will be enforcing the usual attendance policy and procedures. Having already missed several months of face-to-face learning it is crucial that you do not take holidays during term time and that students attend school unless they are poorly.

You will be aware of our Prepared for Excellence behaviour and rewards system. This is up and running with the added expectation that students will respect and abide by the social distancing principles where appropriate. Sanctions and rewards will be recorded on Classcharts and you will be able to access information daily and receive alerts.

Safeguarding updates and useful information:

New Designated Safeguarding Lead is: Mr Fielder

Deputy DSL: Mrs Foyle

A new school email address has been created where students can communicate any concerns they have regarding bullying, this is a confidential email and will automatically generate an email alert to the school's safeguarding team. Students are still encouraged to report any bullying concerns to their Form Tutor, Head of Year or any member of the Safeguarding Team.

ebullybox@greatwyrley.windsoracademytrust.org.uk

We would like to share with you the following link to the NSPCC website

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/>

This provides very useful information and help on a wide number of areas for parents. Some of which include:

- Children's Mental Health
- Online Safety
- Reporting Child Neglect
- Sex and relationships
- Talking about drugs and alcohol

Thank you once again for your support and assistance in making the return to school as seamless as possible. I will write again next week to confirm arrangements for Easter and the Summer term.

Yours sincerely



Ian Moreton
Headteacher