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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: End of term letter and updates

As we reach the end of another very demanding term for families and school staff I write to you firstly to thank you again for your ongoing support and understanding. The regular messages of thanks and praise for what our staff have done have really kept us going.

Secondly, I write to set families up for what I hope will be a much more normal summer term and a return to our normal routines and expectations, some of which are not being met by some students at the moment.

The main control measures we have to use in school are still in place, but we expect them to be reviewed by the Department for Education in line with the national road map for exiting Covid measures - as things change we'll communicate them to you.

We break up on Thursday for a much needed break and return to school on Monday 19 April.

Reflecting on this term

Our priorities when we returned to school following the latest lockdown have been to:

- welcome everyone back into school
- complete the covid-19 testing with Y7-Y13 students and school staff
- get all students back into school routines and enjoying their learning
- offer support for those students finding the transition back into school difficult

I want to thank all students and parents for making the return to school a successful one. A special thanks to parents and members of the community who volunteered to staff our mass testing centre.

Wearing coats inside school

The need for good ventilation has meant that students have been able to wear coats in school through the winter. As the weather improves, we are able to return to our normal rules and expectations. This means that students will be not be allowed to wear coats/jackets or non-school hoodies inside the school building after Easter; they must take them off as they enter the building as we always did before Covid.



A student's school polo shirt and sweatshirt (or optional school fleece) will keep them warm enough. Please note that a polo shirt *and* sweatshirt are listed as compulsory on our dress code guidance. Students without a sweatshirt who feel cold will not be permitted to wear a coat or hoodie indoors – they must carry a school sweatshirt.

As shops and hairdressers open up during our Easter break we expect all students to be fully compliant with the Dress Code from the first day back.

Our Dress Code expectations are summarised below

- Black trainers/shoes (with no coloured logos or trim)
- Black trousers/jeans (no leggings/tracksuit bottoms)
- School polo shirt
- School sweatshirt
- The only jewellery permitted is one pair of ear studs, a small discreet nose stud and a watch (no rings or bracelets)
- For Health & Safety reasons students should not wear nail varnish and false nails including gels or any form of nail art
- Hair should be a natural colour (e.g. no blue or green highlights)
- Belts should be plain and neutral in colour (black, brown). We have begun to notice several students wearing fashion belts with bright colours and large buckles, which are unsuitable for school.
- If phones are seen, they will be confiscated – this includes outside at break and lunchtime. They should not be seen sticking out of back pockets.

Where students arrive at school without the correct dress code and without good reason communicated by parents in advance, we may ask them to return home to change into the correct uniform.

More detailed information about our Dress Code can be found on the school website [here](#) along with a link to our uniform supplier and details of how to order.

We hope that the continued success of the vaccination roll out and reduction in hospital admissions will mean that normality will start to return to all of our lives, both inside and outside of school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely



Mr P Haigh
Headteacher

