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Dear Parents/Carers

As November draws to a close, I write to update you on matters relating to the remainder of this half term and invite you to share your views and inform our future mobile phone policy by taking part in a short survey.

Mobile phone consultation

We are currently reviewing our mobile phone policy and would like to gather your views. Our proposal is that mobile phone use is banned within the confines of the school grounds and school building. Phones will be switched off and kept in bags from entering the premises to exiting. Currently, students are allowed to use their phones in outside areas and in the dining room. They are prohibited from using them in other areas of school. Whilst many students use their phones responsibly, we have seen a rise in the number of inappropriate uses and have had to deal with the distress this causes. Safeguarding all members of our school family is a priority and the current mobile phone policy compromises our ability to do that. With 800 students on site, it is impossible to monitor their mobile phone use and I know from the many conversations that have been held with parents/carers, you share that particular frustration. Students are taught how to manage their digital life safely and respectfully within the curriculum, but in spite of this they sometimes fall short of expectations. We do appreciate that having a mobile phone offers reassurance to parents and students when travelling to and from school, and there is no intention to ban mobile phones in school completely. The intention of this proposal is to ban their use **during the school day** in all areas. Phones will remain in bags and not be brought out at any time during the day in school or on the school grounds.

A more detailed rationale can be found within the survey, as well as the opportunity to share your thoughts. I am grateful for your responses. The survey will remain open until Wednesday 1st December at 9am.

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Car parking outside of the school gates

I have received a number of complaints from local residents about cars blocking their driveways at the beginning and end of the school day. May I respectfully ask that you refrain from doing this, since it is causing distress to our neighbours.



School uniform, make up and jewellery

I would like to start off by thanking you for the support you have always given regarding school uniform and standards of dress. The way students present themselves is important and many of our students present themselves in a smart way that is entirely within the expectations and limits of the uniform code. As often happens though, at certain times throughout the year, a small number of students are failing to comply with these expectations and are falling far short of what they know is required. As we draw closer to Christmas, I am aware a number of students are pushing boundaries regarding uniform, make up and jewellery, and I appreciate your support in helping us maintain our high standards. I would like to ask for your further support in reinforcing the school's position on standards of dress. I attach a uniform list at the end of this letter so that you are clear what is expected. Specifically, I would like to draw attention to girl's school trousers, make up and jewellery. Our policy regarding jewellery and make up is clear; students should refrain from wearing make-up of any sort, including but not limited to false eyelashes, false nails and fake tan. The only jewellery permitted is a small pair of stud earrings and a wristwatch. All other forms of jewellery, including facial and tongue piercings, are not permitted.

We do have a bank of second hand school uniform that has been donated to school by former students and are happy to supply parents with uniform from this bank either on loan or permanently, free of charge, if replacing incorrect uniform presents a financial challenge. Please contact your child's progress leader if you would like to take advantage of this offer.

Laptops and internet access

We have been allocated a small number of laptops and routers by the DFE for students who do not have access to technology at home. If you feel your child would benefit from accessing either or both of these latest allocations, please contact your child's progress leader.

Here is a reminder of events taking place this half term:

Thursday 25th November - Year 10 parents evening via School cloud

Friday 26th November - INSET day – school is closed

Monday 29th November - INSET day – school is closed

Thursday 2nd December - Year 9 parents evening via School cloud

Week beginning 13th December - Christmas Dinner week

Friday 17th December - School closes for the Christmas break and re-opens on Tuesday 4th January.

Yours sincerely



Miss S Asquith
Headteacher



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Uniform List 2021-2022

The wearing of School uniform is one of the distinctive features of all schools with good reputations and in this we are no exception. We are always greatly encouraged by the way in which students and parents support us in our efforts to maintain high standards in this respect. School dress consists of the following:

Uniform
White collared shirt
Black badged pleated skirt with logo OR Black tailored school trousers. – <i>Please note these should not be slim fit, leggings or tight anywhere on the leg, they should reach the ankle and not be turned up.</i>
Black badged 'V' neck jumper with House coloured logo
A clip-on school tie
Plain white or black socks throughout the year with the exception below
From October half term to Easter, students opting to wear skirts <u>MUST</u> wear plain black opaque tights
Black leather school shoes of an appropriate heel height
P.E.
Badged Training Shirt
Badged Shorts or Badged Skort
Reversible Multi-Sports Top (Boys PE curriculum only)
Black/White/Gold Sports Socks
Trainers for indoor and outdoor use with non-marking soles
Full or Half Zip Badged Jacket (optional)
Football/rugby boots (optional)
Black sports leggings (optional and only available from school)
Additional Equipment
All students must have a bag, which is able to contain A4 exercise books, pencil case with equipment
All students have a reading book
All students have a pencil case and equipment pack

Badged/school specific items of uniform can be obtained from:

Bang Bang Schoolwear, 91 Lancaster Road, Preston, PR1 1QJ

Smart Schoolwear, 54 Lancaster Road, Preston, PR1 1DD

Top One, 39 St John's Shopping Centre, Lancaster Road, Preston, PR1 1FB