Weekly Update for Parents and Carers 2 October 2026

Derby Cathedral School House Cup

This week saw the exciting launch of the very first DCS House Cup. Throughout the year, students will have the opportunity to take part in a range of competitions, challenges and events, earning valuable House Points for their House along the way.

Each House will also come together at least once every half term for a dedicated assembly, helping to strengthen relationships, build team spirit and foster a greater sense of belonging within our school community. We are looking forward to an exciting year of friendly competition, House pride and memorable achievements as students compete to become the inaugural DCS House Cup champions.

Punctuality Matters

We are delighted to share that around **96% of students are now arriving at school on time** each day, demonstrating a strong commitment to punctuality and learning. This represents a significant improvement, with late arrivals reducing significantly compared to earlier in the year. Arriving on time ensures students are ready for learning from the very start of the day and helps create a calm, purposeful start to lessons. The introduction of a 20-minute breaktime detention for students who arrive late to school has also acted as an effective deterrent, helping to reinforce the importance of punctuality. Thank you to our students, parents and carers for your continued support in making excellent attendance and punctuality a priority.

Uniform and Equipment

Overall, standards of uniform and equipment have been excellent once again this week. Thank you for your continued support in helping students take pride in their appearance and arrive at school fully equipped and ready to learn.

A reminder that you can leave clean, unwanted school uniform items in our **Pre-Loved Uniform Collection Box** at Main Reception or students can take them to the Uniform Loan Cupboard near the KS4 canteen.

Replacement Lanyards, ID Cards and Holders should be purchased through Parent Pay. If you have any concerns about uniform, please direct them to the year team in the first instance. If you require help in sourcing school uniform at any time, please get in touch.

This week's uniform reminder: The only **jewellery** allowed is one pair of ear studs and a single nose stud.

Parent/Carer Connect Meeting

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for our recent Connect Meeting. It was a valuable opportunity to share feedback and discuss ways we can continue to strengthen the partnership between home and school.

One of the key topics raised was **homework**. In response, staff have been reminded to provide clear instructions on Class Charts, including how students can access their homework and how completed work should be submitted. Parents and carers also requested more information about the **canteen food**, particularly for students who receive Free School Meals. We are currently exploring ways to improve communication about the daily menu, including providing clearer information about the meal of the day. Thank you for your feedback and ongoing support as we continue to enhance the experience for all our students.

Road Safety and Respect

As students travel to and from school, we ask all families to remind them of the importance of staying safe on the roads and in the local community. This includes using designated crossing points where available, being aware of traffic, avoiding distractions such as mobile phones when crossing roads, and showing consideration to other pedestrians and road users.

We would also like to remind students that they are ambassadors for Derby Cathedral School whenever they are wearing school uniform. The way they behave in our local neighbourhood reflects on our school and can have a positive impact on the relationships we build with local residents. Thank you for your support in encouraging students to stay safe, be respectful, and take pride in representing our school community.