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Dear Parent/Carer

We've had another interesting week and, again, on the whole I feel that it's gone really well and the learning I have seen going on in classrooms is fabulous – well done everyone.

These are this week's reminders and reflections:

- **Cover teachers** - while we have had blessedly few Covid-19 related staff absences, which we have so far been able to cover with specialist cover staff, it is inevitable that there are going to be more absences as the term progresses and, although we have fabulous relationships with supply agencies, they are already stretched and it will become increasingly difficult to get the specialist cover we always try to source. I ask that you remain, as ever, patient with us in the knowledge that we will always do our level best to put the highest quality of teacher in front of your children.
- **PE uniform** – much better this week, thank you – just a further reminder that on 'PE uniform day' children should wear their PE kit underneath their navy/black bottoms/leggings and their navy/black sweatshirt. I don't want children to be just sat in their PE kit in lessons.
- **Ventilated rooms and Year 7 to 10 Jumpers** - 'Mikes Sports World' have managed to source long sleeved pullovers in the style of our existing sleeveless ones, and are now taking orders for these. That said, I would still recommend getting some long-sleeved white t-shirts/undershirts/vests for colder days. Please note that jumpers (sleeveless or otherwise) can only be worn in addition to children's blazers not instead of.
- **Ventilated rooms and Y11 Jumpers** – as year 11 children only have one more winter with us, it isn't necessarily reasonable to expect parents to pay for a school jumper which will only have one season's use. Year 11 therefore, will be allowed to wear a plain navy jumper under their blazer from Monday 14 September. Please note that jumpers (sleeveless or otherwise) can only be worn in addition to children's blazers not instead of.
- **Start of the day** – the 8.45 Start time has worked really well, again, thank you.



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- **Year 7 break and before school** – we don't really feel that year 7 starting their break so early is conducive to them settling quickly to their working day. Therefore, from Monday 14<sup>th</sup>, year 7 break will be from 10.00 – 10.20am and they will not have access to either canteen to purchase snacks at this time and should bring their own from home if this is going to cause problems. Year 7 will still be able to purchase breakfast from the main dining room before school, and will continue to have full access to the Fairsnape canteen throughout their lunchtime from 12.20.

Thank you again for your patience and support

Yours sincerely

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