



18<sup>th</sup> December 2019



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we make our way to the end of term, there is a lovely mix of festive cheer but also fantastic standards throughout the school. Lessons continue through to the last day, on which the students have arranged a Christmas Jumper themed non-uniform event for charity.

Whilst we will start the new year with a newsletter of the many amazing things taking place in school, please take a look at <https://www.lythamhigh.lancs.sch.uk/news/> to see how many wonderful things are going on. During this term alone, we have taken trips to Poland, London and Media City. We have won football, netball and athletics competitions. We have welcomed the local MPs for a fantastic Hustings event, whilst also seeing more children than ever attend our school debates. On top of this, we are delivering an incredible amount of presents for Mission Christmas. I know I am biased, but the children at our school continue to amaze me with their kindness, attitude and generosity.

**Uniform:** As we approach the holidays, I need to send a termly reminder about our uniform and hopefully stop parents being tricked into purchasing shoes that cannot be worn in school. We do stipulate black leather shoes and are clear that **trainers are not allowed**. We know that all major sports brands are making trainers that cross into this market, but they are not part of our uniform at LSA. The most common trainer is the one pictured, Nike Air Force. These are not part of the school uniform.



Thank you for helping with this, as it is an argument that we do not want to be having, especially where children tell us they have only just purchased the trainers. These are not new rules! If in any doubt, please contact the school and speak to a College Leader, who will happily advise.

**Online Safety:** I would also like to thank parents for supporting us with the rules around mobile phones in school. The impact on relationships, behaviour and attitude is obvious. However, as we approach two weeks away from school, please can we ask parents to exercise caution and speak to your children about their on line activities. Despite much work on e-safety, we continually find children putting themselves at risk through poor choices (sharing information, signing up to sites underage etc.). Please can you take a look at the attached leaflet and look at the excellent advice about keeping children safe online over the festive period.

Finally, school closes at 12:30pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December and reopens for all students on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and that the New Year is both healthy and prosperous.

Many thanks for supporting the school at every opportunity and continuing to make this such a wonderful, vibrant and friendly place.

Merry Christmas,

Ray  
Headteacher