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**Dear Parents/Carers,**

We would like to say a big welcome back to all our students, parents and carers as we commence the new academic year. Given the glorious weather at the start of the holiday and the relaxing of Covid restrictions we sincerely hope that you managed to enjoy the summer break. Our staff team is raring to go and it is with excitement that we reopen our doors and reunite with our young people.

To support the smooth running of the school we would like to remind you of a number of expectations and procedures that feature daily in our day to day practise.

**Uniform**

For students who are with us on a long-term basis, uniform should be as below. For those students who are with us on short term intervention, the uniform of their mainstream school should be worn. We would really appreciate your full support in regard to school uniform so as to avoid unnecessary confrontation with your child and would like to emphasize that tracksuit bottoms, branded sweatshirts and non-black trainers are not acceptable.

BOYS	GIRLS
Black trousers	Black trousers or black or grey skirt
White shirt or white polo shirt	White shirt or white polo shirt
Black Oswaldtwistle school jumper	Black Oswaldtwistle school jumper
Black shoes/trainers	Black shoes/trainers



### **Attendance**

Excellent attendance is of great importance if your child is to achieve the best outcomes and as such, we ask for your support in this area in that you encourage your child to attend daily and on time unless they are extremely poorly or need to attend an appointment. This is especially the case for our current year 11 students who are in their final year with exams looming.

In the interests of your child, please can we emphasize the importance of contacting school before 8.30am if your child is going to be absent on that day. This enables us to organise home learning activities for your child if they are well enough to work and also lets us know that they are safe.

### **Covid – 19**

Although many restrictions have been either lifted or amended, certain control measures are still in place and as such we have attached, as a separate document, a letter from PHE that details everything you need to be aware of in this area.

### **Parental/carer engagement opportunities.**

This year we hope to engage more productively with you as parents and carers and as such would like to share with you our first opportunity in this area; a drop-in morning with the Headteacher. This will be available to you on the first Thursday in every month between 11.00 and 12.15, a text will be sent out in advance to remind you of this date. As the year rolls out, we hope to offer an increasing number of activities and events that enable us to work more closely with you as partners.

### **Work Experience**

Our current year 11s are about to embark on their work experience placements in a matter of weeks and as such we would like to wish them all good luck. We view this as a very important aspect of their provision and although initially this is only scheduled for a maximum period of 10 weeks, we are hoping that in some cases we may be able to secure some placements for the entire year.

### **2021 Exam Results**

We would like to finish on a very positive note by congratulating our departing year 11 students who managed to secure some very encouraging results this summer, especially given the difficulties of the last 18 months. The majority of students did themselves proud by securing results that reflected their best, be it 6 or 7 GCSE passes at grade 4 or above, or a suite of vocational qualifications. We wish them good luck on their transition into college or the world of work and look forward to hearing from them in the months ahead.

Kind regards,



Mrs S. McKenna  
Headteacher