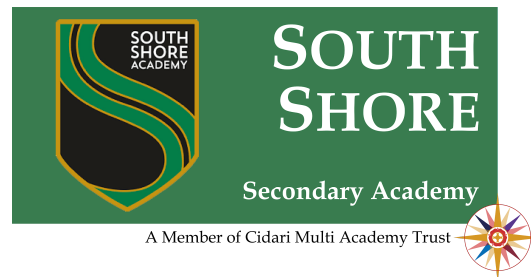


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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you of some important updates to our school policies, which will take effect on Monday 15th September. These changes are being implemented to ensure the continued safety, health, and well-being of all our students and staff.

First, to address safety concerns on our school site, we will no longer permit the use of electric scooters or electric bikes on school premises. It is important to note that while these vehicles are legal to purchase, it is illegal to use privately-owned e-scooters on public roads, pavements, or cycle paths in the UK. Their use on school grounds, which is private land, is governed by our school's safety policy. This new rule is in line with our commitment to creating a secure and accident-free environment for everyone, particularly in our busy drop-off and pick-up areas. We kindly ask that you help us enforce this by making alternative arrangements for your child's journey to and from school if they currently use an electric scooter or bike.

Additionally, we are updating our policy regarding snacks and drinks brought into school. We are guided by the UK Government's School Food Standards, which state that schools should not provide confectionery, chocolate, or high-caffeine energy drinks. These items can negatively impact a student's concentration and behaviour throughout the school day, making them counterproductive to a healthy learning environment.

Furthermore, please be aware that school staff have a statutory power to confiscate items that are banned by school rules. In line with this, any of these items – energy drinks, family-sized packets of crisps, or bars of chocolate etc. – found with a student will be confiscated and responsibly disposed of. We believe this is a necessary step to help all our students maintain focus and a balanced diet. We encourage you to support these efforts by providing your child with healthy, balanced snacks for school.

Finally, I must also draw your attention to our commitment to maintaining a nut-free environment. We have pupils with severe, life-threatening nut allergies. Exposure to even trace amounts of nuts can cause a serious anaphylactic reaction. To protect these students, we ask that you do not send your child to school with any products containing nuts, including nut butters, certain chocolate spreads, and snacks that have "may contain nuts" warnings. Your vigilance in this matter is not just a policy but a vital part of safeguarding our community.



I understand that changes to routine can be challenging, but these adjustments are being made with our students' best interests at heart. Their safety and health are our highest priorities, and your cooperation in these matters is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing support.

Yours sincerely,

Neil Kay

Head of School

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