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Dear Parent/Carer

19th October 2022

I cannot believe term 1 has come to an end already!

It has been a really enjoyable term welcoming so many lovely Year 7 students and seeing our Year 11s mature and step up to becoming the most senior students in the school. In reality they do not have very much time left here at St Luke's before thy transition to their Post 16 educators which is quite alarming!

This letter is to clarify some of our basic expectations so that everybody is fully informed.

An extremely important thing to state is that every one of our students should attend school for as close to the 190-day expectation as possible. Unfortunately, we are aware that a few students are already slipping back at this early stage of the year and worry that if they do not improve this their educational and social experience will suffer as a result. Please can I ask that as parents and carers you support 'us' to support your child.

In readiness for any seasonal increase in Covid or flu cases we have ensured that they are still able to access learning materials. We have set up an online learning platform which will be available for students to be able to access work from home via TEAMS.

A reminder of login details:

Username: School username but as an email.

For example: Yr9 Brian Jones login at school is 20brianj so for TEAMS username is 18brianj@stlukes.swindon.sch.uk

Password: Password that is used at school to login. Originally setup as Password1!
If a student experiences any problems logging on please contact the school and we will assist.

Uniform

We would like to remind you that there have been no changes to our uniform expectations over the last 2 years and as in other schools' parents and carers have a responsibility to ensure that their son/daughter is dressed properly for the school day. Being smart and following school expectations is essential if we are to retain our high standards. This directly affects the learning culture in the school.

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The sense of belonging to a community a uniform can instil affects the quality of learning and avoids confrontation with other students.

Correct uniform:

- Black trouser, or skirts. Tailored shorts can also be worn
- Grey school t-shirt
- Maroon school jumper
- Black school fleece
- Black school shoes, or plain black trainers. These must have no obvious logos.

On very rare occasions variations to the uniform will be considered eg a sensory need but a doctor's note will need to support this request.

If you would like to ask any questions about uniform, please contact Mr Green at the school.

Social Media

Recently we have had some difficult situations regarding inappropriate use of Social media off site. Unfortunately, the impact of this spills over into school causing conflict and sometimes a disruption to learning!

Please can you ensure that you are aware of and understand what your child is involved in online. They could be using their phone or a computer for a positive reason, but they are growing up in a world that is very different to the one we grew up in and we need to address the negatives impacts. Did you know that messaging apps have age limits? Most, like Instagram or snapchat, are aged 13 but WhatsApp has just been raised to 16 because of its ability to share content.

Mobile phones are not allowed in School; however, we often deal with the fall out for incidents involving online bullying or inappropriate messaging outside of school. It is important that we support our students, so they feel safe and are ready to learn.

Please monitor your child's phone and internet usage. Do you have safety filters in place? Do you regularly check their phone, so they understand inappropriate messaging? There are parental controls on phones you can put in place.

Further support can be found on the NSPCC website.





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If you have any safeguarding concerns during half-term, please contact:

- Thursday 20th – Friday 21st October
 - E Potter: epotter@stlukes.swindon.sch.uk / 07889 209165
- Monday 24th – Friday 28th October
 - T Marks: tmarks@stlukes.swindon.sch.uk / 07989 232159

Alternatively, please contact:

- Swindon Borough Council – Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH):
swindonmash@swindon.gov.uk / 01793 466903
 - Office hours: 8.30am to 4.00pm
 - Out of hours: Non-emergencies - Call 101; Emergencies - Call 999

We are always grateful and thoroughly impressed by the collaborative working approach we have with our parents and carers. It really is the only way to ensure your child's success, school cannot do it alone. So, thank you for continuing to work in this way with us.

I look forward to seeing all our students back in school on Monday 31st October.

Happy half term.

Mrs J Buckingham
Principal

