



30 March 2022

Dear Parents

I hope that this letter finds you and your families safe and well.

We are reminding students in school this week of our expectations for the summer term and this letter provides you with an update and some key “reminders”. Thank you for taking the time to read through this letter and for working with us to maintain the high standards that we are so proud to associate with our school.

School uniform and standards

We are proud of our school uniform and how smart our students look. Uniform is considered a very important aspect of our ethos and helps to set the tone for the positive learning environment that we have within school.

Full school uniform is expected to be worn by all students every day. Please remind your son/daughter that hoodies and coats must not be worn inside the building and that school lanyards are required to be worn at all times. I would like to stress that school skirts must be in line with our expectations and must be of an appropriate length. Bodycon style skirts are not acceptable.

There is an updated uniform leaflet attached to this letter and on the school website which clarifies exactly what is acceptable in terms of colour/style of uniform items.

I know that our Year Leaders work with you to address any uniform issues that may arise – please let us know if we can provide any further assistance. Any students returning to school with incorrect shoes and/or uniform that is not considered acceptable will be given a short period of time, usually 24 hours, to rectify this.

Punctuality

You will know the importance of your child attending school every single day. This is even more crucial following the pandemic and periods of enforced school closure.

We are delighted to recognise those HERO students who arrive in school every day, on time and ready to learn. Being punctual to school ensures that students benefit from attending our Big Read programme in Year 7-9 tutor time and intervention sessions in Years 10-11. Good attendance and punctuality are also habits for success beyond school in the world of work.

The formal school day starts at 8.35am and it is vital that all students arrive at school ahead of this start time. Breakfast club is open from 8am and a free breakfast bagel is available to all students every day between 8.00-8.30am.



Staffing update

After many years of dedicated service to the school, Mrs Bentley, our Safeguarding Officer, is retiring at Easter. Mrs Bentley has worked tirelessly to support many students and families during her time with us and we are extremely grateful for her dedication and outstanding service. We wish Mrs Bentley a long and very happy retirement.

I am pleased to share that our two new Safeguarding Officers are members of staff who are already well known to you. Mrs Davies and Miss Robinson will take up their new posts in the Safeguarding team from Easter and can be contacted via email on safeguarding@birkenheadparkschool.com.

Given this new role for Mrs Davies, please can I ask Year 8 parents to contact Mrs Kirwan, Pastoral Leader for Key Stage 3, about any concerns or issues relating to Year 8 during the summer term.

I am delighted to introduce a new member of staff to you. Miss Burns will join our Year Leader team from Easter and will be our new Year Leader for Year 8 (current Year 7) in September. I will confirm Year Leader arrangements for all other year groups next term.

End of Term

Please note that we close for the Easter break at **12.30pm on Friday 8th April**. Students eligible for free school meals will be able to access their entitlement during break time on this day. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on **Monday 25th April**.

Finally, thank you for your continued support as we work with you to provide the best education we can for your son/daughter. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's Year Leader in the first instance.

I hope that you and your families enjoy a restful spring break. In the meantime, please take care and stay safe.

With very best wishes.

Mrs Johnson
Headteacher