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Welcome Back to School

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have all had a wonderful summer break and are as excited as we are for the new academic year ahead. It's wonderful to see our students returning to school with such enthusiasm and energy.

School Uniform - Thank You for Your Support

I am delighted that the vast majority of students have looked very smart on their return to school, and your support in this matter is very much appreciated. Full details of the school uniform can be found on the school website. To help, I have copied the main points here

Please note that students are expected to wear:

- School skirts of a length suitable for office dress (not stretchy skirts please)
- Proper school shoes (these should be polishable, not the trainer hybrids which are sometimes sold in shops)
- A maximum of two stud earrings (not hoops)
- No nose piercings are permitted

The tone for the year is set in those first few weeks back, and we know that being punctual, prepared to learn and dressed in appropriate uniform all help to secure a positive attitude towards education and a commitment to succeed which carries students through the long term ahead.

Uniform is important for a shared sense of community and an obvious pride in who we are as individuals and the school we go to. At an even more basic level, it is about routines and preparation. If we cannot put a pair of shoes on, or we want to argue about the length of a skirt, this tends to be a precursor to arguing about lessons and learning.

I have to say that our students do, on the whole, look great and they take this into everything they do at school. It is a testimony to the effort that you put in as parents and carers – I am grateful, thank you.

Support Available for Families

You are absolutely key in setting the tone, and I cannot overstate the importance your support plays in the success of our children. However, I do understand that now more than ever some families may need help.

FUSS Wirral can help support families: <https://wirralfuss.co.uk/> and the Headteacher has a small discretionary fund to help as well – please ask and we will try our best.

Can I also ask that if you have uniform that another family can make use of, you donate to FUSS, either directly or if you bring it into school we can pass it on.

Additional School Support Services

Breakfast Club: We have breakfast club in the morning where students can get a drink, some toast or cereal and start the day with breakfast. This is open to all and there is no charge.

Family Advocate: As a school we also employ a 'family advocate' who can help with support in terms of relationships with school, and can also signpost and support wider needs, seek benefit support, advice on housing and health needs for families, not just the children at our school.

Attendance and Punctuality

I would also ask that again we refocus on attendance and punctuality please. **School starts promptly each morning at 8:40am.** Students need to be in school and at their classroom by this time, not just strolling up the road. I do appreciate that school buses are not always punctual, we do maintain regular contact with Merseytravel and appreciate your support in raising your concerns with Merseytravel, such there be issues with travel by bus to and from school. Hopefully, everything will operate smoothly this year.

As we know being prompt to school each morning helps engender routines that we take into adulthood and prepare us for the world of work. The 10 minutes with their form tutor helps check they are ready to learn with correct equipment and mindset. It is a vital part of the day and we do ask for your help in this regard.

Thank you once again for your continued support. Together, we can ensure this academic year is successful and rewarding for all our students.

Warm regards

Regards



Mrs H Davies
Deputy Headteacher