



22 March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you to everyone for supporting such a smooth return to face-to-face learning. It has been so lovely to welcome back students and the school is abuzz again.

We are going to spend the next two weeks reaffirming the high expectations we have of all students and ask for your continued support in helping us achieve this.

We understand that during lockdown students may well have grown out of shoes and items of uniform. Cross Embroidery are open and doing click and collect so if there is an issue with ties, skirts or blazers please give them a call and they will be all too willing to help. We have also checked with local suppliers of black trousers, white shirts and school shoes and there are plenty in stock everywhere so there should be no problem accessing replacements. If you have any issues with financial constraints please let someone at school know and we will try our best to help.

We are setting **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March** as the date when we will expect uniform to be spot on and will obviously contact individual families where there is still an issue.

With regards to equipment, you will be aware that we are not loaning any pens, rulers, calculators etc. due to Covid risk reduction measures.

Could you take some time this week to check your children's pencil cases for the following items:

Casio Scientific calculator (their maths teacher will help them with which one is best to buy)

Black pen

Pencil

Ruler

Green pen

Eraser

Pencil sharpener

Highlighter pens

All students are also asked to bring a reading book with them. It would also be useful for students to bring their own Pritt Stick or equivalent. Again, if you are finding things difficult financially please call school.



## Homework

Whilst we were settling back into school this week we made the decision not to set any homework for the first few days. With us all back full time now we will be starting to set homework again from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021. All homework will be set on Google classroom. If your child has still not got access to a device please fill in the new Google Form we have sent out today as we have 15 devices we can still loan out. Those families we have already loaned chromebooks to may keep these devices for the time your children are in school on our campus. We will only ask for their return when they leave school for good.

## Extracurricular sport

We are really pleased to announce that we have a new programme of after school sport for all year groups to participate in from next week.

It would be lovely to see as many students as possible taking part in activities with their friends – things they have missed so much during each of the lockdowns.

| MONDAY  | TUESDAY                                  | WEDNESDAY                              | THURSDAY                              | FRIDAY                                 |
|---|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| YEAR 7 – BADMINTON (MIXED) <b>TBO</b>               | YEAR 8 – NETBALL <b>EHA</b>              | YEAR 9 – NETBALL/HOCKEY <b>DGI EHA</b> | YEAR 8 – TAG RUGBY (MIXED) <b>LPR</b> | YEAR 8 – BASKETBALL (MIXED) <b>LKE</b> |
| YEAR 10 HOCKEY/NETBALL/ROUNDERS ROTATION <b>DGI</b> | FUTURES INSTITUTE YEAR 11 <b>LPR DGI</b> | WYVKHAM PARK YEAR 11 <b>LPR LKE</b>    | YEAR 10 RUGBY                         | YEAR 9 FOOTBALL <b>TBO</b>             |
|   | YEAR 7 – FOOTBALL (MIXED) <b>TBO</b>     |  |                                       |  |
|   | YEAR 10 FOOTBALL <b>D BELL</b>           |  |                                       |  |

Finally, I would just to reiterate the message from local community leaders about ensuring that we continue to follow the strict restrictions about household mixing that the government are asking us all to adhere to. These do not relax for several more weeks yet. I note over the weekend that large parts of central Europe are reverting to much stricter lockdown conditions again. We have come so far to see our numbers rise again.

Yours faithfully



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