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Dear Parents / Guardians,

We just wanted to update you about various issues and share some events and dates with you all.

Relationships and behaviour policy

We are reviewing our Relationships and Behaviour policy as we do annually and we will be communicating to you any changes that we decide as a staff body.

We will be looking at changes in how we use our RESET room for students who are parked, a new internal isolation provision staffed by senior colleagues and how we use detentions for students who are struggling to work within the Wykham Way.

Safeguarding all of our children

Snus

It has come to our attention this week that a number of students are obtaining a product made by a company in Sweden. This is the kind of packaging that it comes in.



I have asked the police for the legal status of this product and they replied as follows:

[It is illegal to sell SNUS in the UK but not illegal to buy it or be in possession of it if you are over 18.](#)

Unfortunately, it has become apparent that several merchandisers in the area are selling the product and we are therefore working with Trading Standards to identify where these suppliers are.

E-cigarettes

We are also working with Trading Standards regarding the illegal sales of e-cigarettes to children who are under age. We will continue to confiscate vapes or puff bars from children who are using them in school or near the campus. Please note that we are legally allowed to remove items from children which they are not permitted to have by law.



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Coerced online child sexual abuse - Help for parents (UK Safer Internet Centre)

The UKSIC report that more than a quarter of girls who took part in their survey have had some kind of experience of receiving a request for nude or semi-nude photos or videos.

Children can be groomed, coerced or encouraged into sexual activities online. Any child with unsupervised access to the internet is potentially at risk.

To help parents understand this difficult topic and talk to their children, the UKSIC has produced a checklist and resources about online sexual abuse.

Find the information

here: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/online-issue/coerced-online-child-sexualabuse>

Punctuality and attendance

Thank you to all parents and carers who are supporting us with ensuring that students are here on time every day. Nationally school attendance remains a problem which the government is working with schools to try to address.

We thought it would be helpful to remind everyone that students need to be on site by 8.40 a.m. (not 8.45) as mentor time begins promptly at 8.45 a.m.

We will continue to inform parents when their children drop below the acceptable threshold for attendance. We appreciate that some children have legitimate reasons for absence but it is still our duty to notify home when attendance is below what is deemed acceptable.

Please note that the Local Authority is working closely with us to support families where attendance has already dropped below an acceptable level.

What counts as good attendance?

The Government doesn't set specific attendance targets, but schools are expected to set their own.

An attendance rate of 95% is generally considered good; this allows for children to miss 9.5 days across the school year.

Persistent absence (PA) is defined as an attendance rate of 90% or below.

We set our figure for good attendance at 96% but obviously aim for higher than that.

Christmas lunch

The catering staff will be serving Christmas lunch on 13th December 2022 at a price of £3.60. Those in receipt of Free School Meals will be provided with a free meal of course.

Christmas holidays

We will be breaking up on **Friday 16th December** (more details to follow later on this term).

We return to school at 8.40 a.m. on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

Kind regards

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