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Dear Parents/Carers

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I hope this letter finds you and your families well ahead of the summer break - we know your child/ren are very much looking forward to the summer break and the end of this term has been disrupted with significant staff absence due to COVID. Before we begin our holidays, here are a few important reminders for the end of this term and the start of term in September.

End of Term Reminders

Students are encouraged to wear PE kit from Monday 18th July - Thursday 21 July - buses will leave at 12:30 on Thursday.

With the heat wave forecast for Monday and Tuesday, please ensure you child/ren bring:

- a refillable water bottle so they can keep hydrated.
- a sun hat
- sun cream

We have taken the difficult decision to not run enrichment on Monday so buses will leave at 3:05. We will make adjustments to ensure students can remain hydrated throughout the day and there will be gazebos on the field to help with shaded areas. We will discourage vigorous physical activity.

Changes for September

- Let's Go Zero - **all children are required to bring a reusable water bottle to school each day.** We recognise we must do more to improve sustainability and we are creating new 'hydration zones' in the school. The 'sustainability machines' (juice with water) have been running in term 6 and we will be doubling the capacity of both chilled water dispensers and sustainability machines. Our Eco Group founders are passionate about this change and this follows feedback from our community. There will be no plastic cups, straws or drink cartons from September. Students can bring their own or share their design with the DAT department and students will have a personalised water bottle with their name on it! Please see our weekly [Parent/Carer communication](#) last week and this week for more information..
- **Years 7, 8 and 11 will share the first lunch** from 12.20 to 12.55. Year 9 and 10 will share the second lunch from 13.20 to 13.55.
- **We expect all children to be through the gates by 8.30am** to allow them to be registered promptly at 8.35 am. We teach children the importance of punctuality to support them as they move into the world of work and because being punctual is a sign of respect, one of our core values.
- **Homework Club - Tuesday - Thursday 3:00 - 4:00**
- **Students are encouraged to bring a small pair of headphones with them for use with Chromebooks in the classroom and cover hub.**

'Mobile Phone free' school - not seen or heard

If a phone is seen (whether in a student's hand, pocket or otherwise) it will be confiscated and returned the following school day. We recognise mobile phones and social media can cause social disagreement and anxieties amongst teenagers. We have seen an increase in the number of mobile phones visible on the site over recent months and wish to send a clear message to all students that all mobile phones must not be seen or heard. If a student is repeatedly seen with a mobile phone on the school site, the confiscation period will be extended. Thank you for your support in helping your child/ren understand our expectations along with the consequences of their phone being seen or heard. We expect parents/carers to contact reception should you need to pass a message to your child/ren during the school day.

Reminders for September

- **Uniform - wear it with pride - All children must have their shirts tucked in and ties worn on the top button.** We will be reinforcing these standards from September and will be issuing lunchtime detentions for those that choose not to wear uniform correctly.
- **All children must wear black, polishable shoes (not trainers). To confirm, Nike Air Force 1s are trainers and are not permitted.** Any child who arrives in school in incorrect footwear will be asked to change into a pair of shoes from our school stock.
- **We do not allow facial piercings in school.** Children may wear one plain stud in each ear. If your child chooses to have a facial piercing over the summer holiday it will need to be removed for the return to school. We also ask that children do not wear jewellery to school other than a single flat ring on each hand and a single plain necklace. **False nails and nail extensions are not permitted and children will be asked to remove them.**

Equipment: all students should arrive at school properly equipped and ready to learn. Please ensure that your child has the following equipment with them on all days:

- Black pens
- Green pens
- Pencils
- Highlighters
- Coloured pencils
- Ruler (30 cm)
- Protractor
- Glue stick
- Pencil case
- Planner (supplied through school)
- Reading book
- Scientific calculator (the [Aurora Dot Matrix scientific calculator](#) is the best value that we are aware of and is available online).
- Hand sanitiser (optional but highly recommended)
- Water bottle
- Small pair of headphones

September 2022

Date of Return	Year group to return	Time
Monday 5 September	7,11,12 and 13 only	Through the gates by 8:30
Tuesday 6 September	All year groups 7-13	

The school will welcome over 1000 students in September. Please see our leaflet attached to the bottom of this letter to understand expectations and how we can all work together to keep the drop off and pick up as safe and smooth as possible for all.

Should you have any questions before the end of term please contact school@skdrive.org. During the summer break, please note that response times will be longer.

Wishing you and your families a restful summer break.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Justin Humphreys', written in a cursive style.

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Keeping Children Safe in the Car Park

8 coaches	100 cars		
1000 students			

From Sept 2022:

- Strict 5 mph speed limit on site
- One way through the car park
- Priority as follows:
 - Pedestrians
 - Coaches/Minibuses
 - Cars
- Follow directions from any member of staff in HiViz clothing
- When stopped in the car park engines should be turned off.



AM Drop off

- Coaches arrive between 8:15 and 8:25. Try and avoid these times if dropping off by car.
- Please do not stop in any red zone on the map.
- Follow directions from staff to the amber zones: upper car park or the bus lane, moving as far down the bus lane as possible to leave room for others behind.
- If you need to take your time dropping off your child/ren please find a parking space in the green zones.

PM Pick up

- Coaches will be scheduled to depart at 5 minutes past the hour. Collection by car after this time will be easier.
- **No stopping in any red or amber zones when coaches are present on the site.** Park in the green zones.
- When 8 coaches are on site, all through traffic will be via the top car park.