

Monday 14th June 2021

Expectations and policy reminders

Dear Parents / Carers

As we enter the last term of what has been a turbulent year for pupils, parents and staff, we look forward to slowly returning to the 'norm'. Re-establishing normal school routines and expectations are a key part of this and are particularly important for the pupils and the school community.

I have outlined below some of the policy expectations in school to ensure we have transparency and clarity around the key expectations in school for this term. I would be grateful if you could read through these carefully to ensure your child comes to school appropriately prepared.

School uniform

Uniform is an important part of the Academy's identity and it reinforces who we are as a community and helps pupils to feel pride in their school.

Our school uniform is compulsory from Upper Foundation (Reception) to Y6. It is optional in Lower Foundation (Nursery)

Our uniform is:

- Blue v-neck sweatshirt/cardigan (with or without logo)
- White polo shirt/shirt (with or without logo)
- White shirt and tie for Year 6 pupils
- Grey trousers/skirt/pinafore
- Plain black shoes/trainers that should be appropriate and in good condition.
- In the summer or warmer weather children can wear tailored shorts, culottes or blue gingham dresses

All clothing should be clearly named.

PE kit

PE sessions could take place indoors or outside, therefore we advise that pupils have the appropriate PE kits which should include:

- Black PE shorts, white PE Shirt (plain or with academy logo)
- Additional warm outdoor PE wear: plain tracksuit top and bottoms (No football strips)
- Appropriate footwear must be worn that is suitable for playing inside or outside.

*For the remainder of this academic year pupils should continue to wear their PE kits for school on their designated PE days.

Jewellery

In the interest of health and safety jewellery is not worn in school. If your child has pierced ears, one **small** stud ear-ring in each lobe may be worn but must be covered (or removed) for PE with tape supplied by parents and must be removed for swimming.

Water bottles

Water Bottles should be brought into school daily. They should be taken home every evening and washed and not left in school overnight.

Packed lunch policy

As an academy we aim to promote healthy lifestyles and as a fundamental part of that, a balanced diet. If your child is bringing a packed lunch into school we recommend that this includes:

1. sandwich / wrap
2. one piece of fruit per day
3. one dairy item per day
4. at least two 'fresh water days' per week to encourage children to drink more water
5. baked snacks/crisps low in saturated fats

Our policy states:

- no chocolate (including chocolate spread) or sweets
- only one form of cake or biscuit per day
- pure fruit juice or flavoured water only – no fizzy or sugary drinks (for consumption at lunchtime only)

More information about healthy eating and the importance of a balance diet for children can be found at: <https://heas.health.vic.gov.au/schools/healthy-lunchboxes>.

Break-time snacks

Children are permitted to bring a snack for break time. This should be either:

- A piece of fruit (not fruit flakes, winders etc)
- Two biscuits (not chocolate)

If children bring snacks that are not in line with policy they will not be permitted to eat them at break time.

Pencil cases / resources / toys

The following expectations are in line with our usual school policy and are also detailed in our COVID-19 risk assessment and control measures:

- Children should not bring their own resources into school (stationery, pencil cases etc)
- Toys, stress-balls, poppers, key rings etc are not permitted in school

It is crucial that we have clear and consistent rules and processes in school as it helps to maintain high standards and expectations for all.

As always, I thank you for your continued support.

Mr Parkinson

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