

18<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

### Last Day of Term

As you will be aware, Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July is our final day before the summer holidays. Students will attend lessons one, two and an extended lesson three. School will then close earlier than usual with students leaving the school site at 12.05pm. However, school will remain open until 2.45pm for any looked after students or those with an EHCP. Please inform school in advance if your child will be remaining in school after 12.05pm by emailing [arm-enquiries@consilium-at.com](mailto:arm-enquiries@consilium-at.com). These students will be able to purchase lunch in the normal way so please indicate on the email if your child will require lunch. If your child is leaving site and they are on free school meals, a grab bag will be provided that can be collected from the canteen at 12.05pm. Please email [arm-enquiries@consilium-at.com](mailto:arm-enquiries@consilium-at.com) if your child is on free school meals and requires a grab bag.

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September - Enrolment Day

We will be starting the 2023/24 academic year with our annual enrolment day on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September. This is an opportunity to meet 1:1 with families to discuss the year ahead, reaffirm our expectations and disseminate key information. If you have not already done so, can you please make an appointment using the link <https://forms.office.com/e/W6gNh3cvht> no later than 12:30pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July. Appointments will be 20 minutes. If you have more than one child in school, one appointment will be allocated for the family. Attendance at enrolment day is mandatory. Non-attendance will result in an unauthorised absence.

**School will re-open as normal for all students on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

### School Equipment for September

In September, students will be required to bring a pencil case that contains a black pen, green pen, pencil and ruler. This equipment is essential to effectively participate in lessons and can be obtained easily from local shops and supermarkets.

### Uniform

Uniform is an important part of a school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps allow students to feel pride in their school. It also helps prepare students for life after school where many will have to dress smartly for work. As we reach the end of the academic year, some items of uniform are coming to the end of their life, due to general wear or sizing issues as students grow. We know that many items of new uniform will be bought over the Summer and would like to take this opportunity to revisit some of the uniform expectations in preparation for September. The information below stipulates requirements for some of our key items:

- **Trousers:** Plain, black and formal. They should be waist high, straight legged and made of a plain material. Black denim, fitted and also **black leggings (including Nike Pro) are not allowed.**
- **Coats:** Plain in colour and no large logos. Denim jackets are not allowed. Large sweaters cardigans or hoodies (including full zip) are not allowed as outer wear. Coats should not be worn as blazers.
- **Makeup and Piercings:** Nail polish/varnish, gels, acrylic nails, lipstick or false lashes are not allowed. One stud in each ear is allowed. If students choose to have their nose pierced, then a clear nose stud needs to be in place.
- **School shoes:** Plain, black and polishable. For safety reasons, shoes should be flat or low heeled. No trainers (see below), boots, pumps, platform soles or canvas shoes will be allowed
  - Although black and polishable, Adidas and Nike (along with similar brands) are **trainers** therefore styles such as Air Force 1 and Stan Smiths (see below) are not suitable for school. See pictures at the end of this letter.

We have clean uniform and shoes available for students to borrow if they arrive at school wearing incorrect uniform. If students choose not to wear school clothing, then it becomes a poor behaviour choice and they will be sanctioned accordingly. Equally, students will be asked to remove incorrect items of uniform such as hoodies and again, if students choose not to remove said items, then it becomes defiance which is a behaviour choice.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact school. If you are unsure whether an item of uniform is acceptable, please consult the school before buying. If there are any extenuating circumstances, which mean you are unable to meet the uniform requirements for the start of the academic year in September, please email: [colin.abraham@consilium-at.com](mailto:colin.abraham@consilium-at.com). We look forward to your support in ensuring all students are treated equally and trust the information above makes school policy clear for everyone.

### Water Safety

South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue would like to bring to your attention the danger of young people entering open water and offer you some water safety advice for your family. Their key messages, for children of all ages across the county, are:

- Tombstoning: Never jump, dive or 'cannonball' into open bodies of water such as rivers, lakes, quarries and oceans. You don't know what's underneath the surface or how deep it is.
- Cold water shock: The UK is a cold water country which means no open water is above 15 degrees. A public swimming pool is between 26-28 degrees. Many fatalities are caused by the cold temperature and how it affects someone when they enter the water. Firstly it causes a deep intake of breath, during which dirty water will usually be mixed with the air breathed in. Blood will be directed to their core to protect major organs, restricting supply to their arms and legs which are needed for swimming. This makes it very difficult for someone to swim and is often how lives are lost.
- Infection: Open water can contain raw sewage as you may have seen in the news recently. Diseases you can catch include Hepatitis A & C, Weil's, E-coli and Botulism.
- Debris: In all our open water sites we have found floating driftwood, shopping trolleys, broken glass which can affect your ability to get out and also cause serious injury.
- Swimming safely: We recognise that organised open water swimming, be that in land or on the coast, has a wide array of physical and mental health benefits in a safe environment. You should only swim where it's safe and legal – swimming pools, outdoor lidos, with an open water club or other sites where lifeguards are present.

Don't give in to peer pressure from your friends and jump into the unknown. It could be the last thing you do. Should you get into trouble in the water you should:

- Float to live (tilt your head back with ears submerged, try and relax and use your hands to stay afloat). Try to stay calm and just focus your energy on floating and shouting for help or gather your energy before swimming to safety.
- If you see someone in trouble in water call 999 and ask for the fire service. Keep your eyes on them until we arrive and don't attempt to go in yourself and put yourself at risk.
- What 3 words: - Please make all young people aware of this location app. Download it to their smartphone so that if they do get into difficulty we can locate them efficiently, even if they are in a remote area. If you are visiting the coast this year ensure children are supervised by an adult at all times and only swim where lifeguards are present.

For more advice on enjoying the water safely go to [www.rlss.org.uk](http://www.rlss.org.uk) or [www.rnli.org](http://www.rnli.org)

### Thank you

Thank you for your support throughout this academic year. We look forward to working collaboratively with all our families once again when we return for Enrolment Day on Tuesday 5th September.

Yours sincerely



Colin Abraham  
Deputy Headteacher

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Slip On Styles



Lace Up Styles



Slip On Styles (to be worn with black socks or tights)



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The following styles of footwear do **NOT** meet the school's uniform policy:



UGG Boots



Leather Plimsolls



Deakin Boots



Timberland Boots



Black leather trainers



Gladiator Sandals



Velcro Sports Shoes



\* Decorative Ballet



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