

May 2024

Dear parents and carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to inform you that when we return to school after the half term break, I will be moving from my current role as Head of Sixth Form to Deputy Headteacher in charge of behaviour and attendance. Mr Curran will be leaving Lymm High School at the end of the year and we thank him for his contribution to the school community and in anticipation of his support as I transition into my new role.

With this in mind, I thought it would be helpful to write with a reminder of some of our expectations for next half-term.

## Uniform

Firstly, a reminder that students who choose to wear skirts are allowed to wear black knee-length socks in place of tights during the final half-term of the year. In anticipation of this, please do check that your child's skirt is of an appropriate length and is not rolled up. Students should also be reminded that socks need to be knee-length, but not pulled over the knees.

Please rest assured that, if the weather is especially warm, we do allow students to take off their blazers and, on rarer occasions, remove their ties. We will tell students they have permission for this on the day; they should not come to school without these items of uniform.

In the event of any prolonged period of extreme temperatures, we will consider allowing students to wear their PE kits in line with what we have done on a few occasions in the past. We will contact you via Class Charts should this be the case. Please note that this only applies to periods of <u>exceptionally</u> hot weather, not ordinary summer weather (where the measures above would apply instead).

We also strongly recommend that students bring in their own water bottles. We have plenty of water fountains around the school site and students will be expected to be organised enough to fill these up during social times; they will not be allowed to miss valuable lesson time in order to do so.

Students must continue to wear appropriate footwear; in particular they are not allowed to wear trainers to school. Please check this over the half term break to ensure a smooth start to the next term.

Students must also remove all false eyelashes and false nails before we return to school after half-term. Likewise, jewellery is not allowed and we ask you not to let students have new piercings done over the half-term holiday if they feel they won't be able to remove them when we return.

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## **Attendance**

During the summer term, attendance to school remains as important as ever. I would encourage you to check your child's current attendance figure which is easily viewable on Class Charts, click <a href="here">here</a> (see page 5) for a helpful guide on how to do this. Attendance percentages can often be a little misleading, see <a href="here">here</a> to see how this translates into lessons and hours missed, which may surprise you!

Please remember that we do not authorise holidays during term time. Students attend school for 190 days a year and every single day matters enormously as we continue to teach the curriculum right up until the very end of the academic year.

Similarly, can I remind you that we expect all students to attend school in plenty of time for registration which starts at 8:25am. Arriving after this time, without valid reason, will result in an appropriate sanction.

## **Behaviour**

Please remember that you can view your child's behaviour record in the Class Charts app and we encourage you to check this daily. If your child does receive a detention, this appears on Class Charts under 'Detentions' for both parents/carers and students. Students must ensure they check this carefully at the beginning and end of each day. We do not accept students claiming they did not know about a detention as a valid excuse for not attending.

I thank you in anticipation of your support over the coming weeks, I am really looking forward to working with you all.

Yours faithfully

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Deputy Headteacher -