



19th July 2024

Interim Headteacher: Sonja Unwin

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we are moving rapidly towards the end of term, please find below several additional updates and reminders to ensure that all scholars are ready and prepared to make a strong start in September.

Return to school

The first day of term for Year 7 scholars will be Wednesday 4th September. Year 11 return on Thursday 5th September, and all other scholars will return to school on Friday 6th September.

Uniform Reminder

Further to the letter sent to families last week please find below key changes/reminders regarding uniform expectations for September.

- **Skirts** – must be charcoal grey, traditional school style and must be knee length.
- **Footwear** – Scholars must wear black leather or faux leather shoes. They are not allowed canvas shoes or trainers. Please note this includes more formal trainer styles, such as black Nike Air Force.
- **Piercings** – Scholars are permitted to wear one simple, plain flat or round stud in plain gold or silver per ear lobe. Following parent and scholar feedback, transparent flat retainers for a single nose piercing will be permitted.
- **Bags** – Scholars are expected to bring a bag to school every day. This can either be a handbag or a rucksack but must be large enough to fit an A4 folder.

Equipment Reminder

A reminder that all scholars are expected to bring the following items of equipment with them every day:

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| • Pen | • Protractor |
| • Pencil | • Compass |
| • 30cm ruler | • Scientific calculator |
| • Green pen | • White board pen |
| • Eraser | • A4 size whiteboard* |
| • Sharpener | |

*whiteboards are provided by the school, but a charge will apply for replacements if lost.

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Time out / movement break / sensory break / toilet passes

In line with DfE guidance, from September, the school will be implementing a new scheme for issuing time out/movement break/sensory break/toilet passes. We want to ensure that those scholars who genuinely require these are able to properly access them and that their safeguarding and wellbeing is fully protected when they are not in class. We likewise want to ensure that only those scholars who genuinely require them, receive them.

The only scholars who should require a pass are the small number of scholars where there are high levels of need signified by an EHCP or a medical need evidenced by a medical practitioner. Thus, if your child has an EHCP where an out of lesson pass is written into this provision then they will automatically be issued with a new pass in September. If, however, your child has a particular medical issue which requires an adjustment to their school day then we would request that you email their year manager with a copy of a letter from a medical practitioner which outlines the need for this. The school may need to speak to the medical practitioner after this to fully understand their reasoning so that we can be sure that we are fully meeting any medical needs.

Arrival to school

From September we would ask that scholars arrive on site between 8.05am and 8.15am in full school uniform. Any scholars arriving on site after 8.20am will be marked as late and will receive a 30-minute same day detention.

In addition to this, in order to make the site safe at the start of the school day we would ask that if parents are driving to school that they drop their child outside the green gates and do not come all the way up the driveway to the front entrance. This is important so that the number of cars on the school site at this busy time of day is reduced and the scholars can be kept safe whilst walking into school.

I do hope that you all have a restful and enjoyable summer break and we all at Nova Hreod look forward to welcoming the scholars back in the new term.

Yours sincerely



Tony Segalini
Executive Principal

