

Our Ref: JNE/Half Term Letter/February 2022

Friday 18th February 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we reach the end of another half term, I would like to thank you for your continued support.

I hope you find the information below useful.

Parent App

During the first week back after half-term all parents will receive an email invite to download a fantastic new app. Parent App is a convenient new way of sharing information with you about your child's school life. The information that you receive through the app will help you to stay up-to-date with your child's daily school life as well as helping you to support your child's development and progress.

You will be able to access the system from a smartphone, tablet or PC, anytime, anywhere. The app will enable you to monitor important information such as attendance, behaviour, achievement and your child's latest progress report. A letter containing comprehensive details regarding this app and its launch will be released during the week beginning 28th February.

Uniform Expectations

Whilst we appreciate that pupils have needed the opportunity to settle back into a regular school routine due to the COVID pandemic situation, this does not excuse low expectations of uniform.

Please find detailed below, a reminder of our uniform requirements. Further details, as well as examples of correct and incorrect uniform, can be found on our website at <https://decschool.co.uk/uniform/>

Please ensure you consult this guidance before making any future purchase(s). All pupils must wear full uniform on the way to and from school. In particular could you ensure your child that:

- Blazers and ties should be worn at all times.
- Only standard full length school trousers are permitted. No jeans, skinny/fashion style trousers, turn ups, ankle grazers or cropped trousers.
- No extreme hair fashions or brightly coloured/dyed hair. Short haircuts MUST be grade 2 or above. There should be no tramlines or shaved eyebrows
- False nails/gel nails are not permitted due to health and safety reasons
- False eyelashes are not permitted. Pupils will be asked to remove these should they be worn.
- Pupils are allowed to wear a wrist watch and one pair of gold or silver studs in the lower lobe. These must be removed for PE lessons. No other piercings are allowed, nor are "clear" bars or studs permitted. Pupils should not wear plasters to cover piercings for health and safety reasons.

There will also be the expectation that your child will wear the uniform provided for them for the day to avoid them missing valuable lesson time.

The Headteachers decision will be final in all matters relating to uniform, jewellery and hairstyles and pupils will be sanctioned accordingly should they not meet our expectations.

Finally some key dates for your diary:

- Year 10 & 12 parents evening - 10/02/22
- Year 9 parents evening - 17/02/22
- Year 11 parents evening - 01/04/22
- Year 8 parents evening - 23/06/22
- Year 7 parents evening - 30/06/22

Yours Sincerely



Ms J Newsome
Headteacher

