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Monday 26th June 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to let you know that we are making a number of changes to our behaviour and uniform policies, as well as to the school timetable, which will be implemented from September 2023.

As you know, we are hugely ambitious for all of the children who attend our school, which is reflected in the high expectations we have when it comes to students' conduct. We want our students to be in the best possible learning environment: one that is free of distraction; one that challenges and inspires; and one where your children can achieve their full potential.

With that in mind, we are always considering how we can build and improve on what is in place to continue to meet this goal. Like many schools across the country, and in line with government advice, we have reviewed and made changes to a number of our policies, so that your children experience the best possible provision. For clarity, we have bullet pointed these below and have also attached a link which will give you further information. Students are also being informed of these changes through assemblies.

1. Changes to timings of the school day

All schools have been asked by the Government to deliver 32.5 hours across each week by September 2023; like many schools, we have made some changes to the timings of the school day to accommodate this.

- **The school day will now start at 8:25am**, ready for an 8:30am registration.
- All gates will be locked at 8:25am. Access into school after this time will be via the Quay reception.
- Period 1 will start at 8:35am (focusing on our PSHE, Word, Read, Welfare and Assembly curricular)
- As normal, there will then be five 1-hour lessons for the academic curriculum.
- The school day continues to finish at 3:00pm.

Cornwall Council and the Passenger Transport Unit have been informed to ensure our school contract bus pick up times reflect the need for students to be onsite by 8:25am each day ([more information here about the timings of the school day](#)).

2. Mobile phones will be banned across the site from September

From September, no mobile phones should be seen, or used, on site at all, including during break and lunch times ([click here for Phone Letter](#)). As detailed in the letter at the link, we have taken this decision to support our students' concentration and general wellbeing.

3. Uniform changes and reminders

- The **new school skirt** will be the only skirt permitted for all year groups and has been subsidised in order that it costs £10.00. It can only be purchased from our NT Uniform Shop which will be live at the end of this week: [NT Uniform Shop](#).
- Trousers must be black, tailored and formal. Trousers from Dickies (of any style) are not permitted
- Ties must be worn to their full length. Students starting at the school will only be permitted to wear clip-ons
- Shoes must be all black – black leather or leather-style shoes only for Year 7, ready for a whole school roll-out from September 2024
- No socks over tights (black socks or black tights only)
- No jewellery other than one small stud per ear, and one ring per hand (no nose piercings; bracelets; necklaces; fake nails; or skin graffiti etc.)

Please read and familiarise yourself with our Uniform Policy found here: [Uniform policy](#) and further information in the [Uniform letter](#).

4. Equipment:

From September, Years 7, 8 and 9 will be provided with Learning Packs, full of the equipment they need to learn effectively. This will ensure a sharp start to each lesson. Students will be expected to bring it to every lesson, every day. Years 10 and 11 are equally expected to be prepared for their learning with a pen, ruler, pencil etc.

5. RESET Room:

Relationships are at the centre of our school culture and we have a range of relational and restorative approaches to behaviour. We offer flexible support for students to recognise diversity and individual needs through provisions in our Wellbeing Hub, Learning Centre and Porth building.

As you will know from our Behaviour Policy, should a student need to 'reset' their behaviour, they will be asked to work in our RESET room in order that they can reflect and engage in reparation. Work will be provided in the RESET room and leaders do not take this decision lightly - examples can include refusal to follow instruction despite warning, or persistent behaviour that affects the learning of others.

Whilst in RESET, students will be asked to fill in a Reflection and Reparation booklet that will encourage them to see the impact of any poor decisions and assure them when they return to lessons it will be a fresh start ([click here for behaviour policy](#)).

Following recent correspondence, please can we remind you that Vapes are illegal and will mean instant confiscation and time in RESET ([click here for 'Vape' letter](#)).

These changes for September have been carefully considered by specialist leaders, reflecting recent research, and we are confident decisions are in the very best interests of our students.

We are determined to ensure that our NT families have access to a school they can be proud of and a school they deserve – where learners are at the forefront of all we do and where standards and expectations are high, in order that every child succeeds.

It is our expectation that, come September, this is all in place, so we can have a great start to the new academic year. Thank you, in advance, for all of your support in making Newquay Tretherras the very best provision possible for your children.

With best wishes.

Yours sincerely



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