

PS190/25-26/SLI/KLA

Friday 19 December 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we enter the Christmas break we would like to provide you with some practical reminders and updates which will affect your child in school. Many of these have been shared with you previously but some are new so please take a few minutes to read through them, speak to your child about them and then contact the school if you require any further information.

Cycle helmets:

As we have previously communicated to you; from the 5th January 2026 any student riding their bike to school will be expected to wear a suitable cycling helmet. If they do not wear a helmet they may not be allowed to bring their bike onto the school site. We appreciate your support in ensuring that your child has a helmet and wears it to cycle each day.

Arrival time in the morning

All students should be arriving at school prior to 8:40 on school days. This then allows them 5 minutes (once through the gate) to get to their tutor room for the START session at 8:45. Any students arriving after 8:40 will have their mobile phone confiscated and will complete a 'same day' after school detention until 4pm, at which point their phone will be returned. Parents/Carers will be notified via the MCAS App and email.

Mobile phones in school - "on site - out of sight"

Children are welcome to bring their mobile phones to school but they must turn them off and secure them in their bags, **not** blazers or trouser pockets, for the duration of the school day. This starts when they enter the school site and does not finish until they leave the school site. Any phone seen or heard during the school day will be confiscated.

Uniform

We are really proud of the standards of uniform which our students display every day and thank you all for your support with this. Our current minor concerns relate to socks, which should be black and plain (a few white socks or socks with sports logos

remain). As a separate issue please remind your children that they are only allowed to wear one pair of stud earrings; no other piercings or types of earring are allowed.

Parking near the school site

We have updated our School Travel Plan, which can be found [here](#).

As per our policy we ask parents/carers to drive only part of the way to school, and drop their child(ren) off away from school, so that some of the journey can be walked. Access to our turning cycle is only available to those parents who have been issued a permit. We also kindly ask that you do not use the 'apron' near the front of school to drop off and turn around as we have a large amount of children crossing the road, and using bicycles to get to school, and their safety is paramount to us.

Could we please ask again that parents/carers are respectful of local residents when driving or parking near to the school site. Please do not block pavements or driveways as this increases the risk of accidents. Many thanks.

A plea for stocking fillers!

If you are looking for stocking fillers for your children please look to their pencil cases! Some students are running quite low on basic equipment such as pens, rulers, pencils, erasers, pencil sharpeners, protractors, compasses and calculators. If you check your child's pencil case and find any of these absent, please see whether 'Santa' could replenish the stocks so that they can start the new term fully equipped.

Special Study Day - Friday 27th March

We would like to give you early notice that we are planning a Special Study Day on Friday 27th March (the last day of the Spring term). On this day Year 11 and Year 13 students will work in school on a specialist exam preparation timetable. Years 7-10 will be provided with a Study Project to complete at home and submit via Google Classroom. All year 12 in school for our 'World Ready day' with outside speakers. Year 13 students with coursework to complete will be invited in, with other Year 13 students on independent study at home. Full details will be sent to all parents/carers in the second half of the Spring term.

Many thanks for your continued support,



Simon Liley, Headteacher