

Oakbank School



26th February 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following the announcement by the Prime Minister earlier this week, we are in the midst of planning to welcome all of our students back on to site and you will, of course, be kept fully updated in this regard. I am sure that you will agree that maintaining the high standards we pride ourselves on as a school is paramount in ensuring that our full re-opening goes well.

With this in mind, may I enlist your support in helping to ensure that your son/daughter arrives back into school in the correct uniform. We are aware that some of our students may well have outgrown items of uniform. We therefore suggest that your son/daughter tries their uniform on in advance of their return to school, to be sure that it still fits.

All students are required to wear full school uniform, apart from on a day when they have practical PE. Full school uniform should be accompanied by black polishable shoes, with no logos. If your child has a medical reason for not wearing shoes, it must be accompanied by a note outlining the issue to the Head of Year. On the days when students have practical PE, they should wear only the school PE kit and we recognise that they may wish to wear a pair of plain black jogging bottoms or leggings on colder days. These cannot have large logos on them or be striped.

In addition to their uniform, we will continue to uphold our high standards in terms of personal appearance, including: Well-groomed hair (no extreme styles). In general, jewellery is inappropriate at school and should not be worn. Students are **allowed** to wear a plain watch, and pierced ears may be protected by the wearing of a single stud in each **ear lobe ONLY**. Studs should be small and gold or silver-coloured only. For safety reasons, studs should be removed for PE and Games lessons. Other earrings and rings are not to be worn and other body piercings, such as nose studs, or piercings at the top of the ear are not allowed. Face covering (with no inappropriate images on) need to be worn both in classrooms and indoor spaces such as corridors. Please also be reminded that as students will remain in their year group bubbles, access to lockers is not available at this time as students cannot cross bubbles to maintain the safety of all of our community.

Finally, it is more important than ever (due to current health and safety advice) that all students have their own, correct equipment for learning. All students are expected to have the equipment listed below contained within a transparent pencil case. This pencil case allows tutors to check equipment quickly and easily. We appreciate that students may not be able to fit a scientific calculator and maths set in their transparent pencil cases, so these can be carried separately in their school bags.

Equipment:

Pens –black/blue, green and red

Writing pencils

Coloured pencils

Rubber, sharpener and glue stick

30cm ruler

Maths set (containing protractor, compass, set square)

Scientific calculator –we recommend a Casio calculator -FX-83GTX or FX-85GTX, however most scientific calculators are fine.

A highlighter

This equipment is compulsory and we will be asking our pastoral team to check that it is brought into school. May I ask that you check your child's pencil case and replace any equipment that may have been mislaid or used up. As always, thank you for your ongoing support. We are very much looking forward to seeing our students re-united as a school community very soon.

Yours Sincerely

Mr R Maddox

Deputy Head Teacher