



20th September 2022

Dear families,

We have several new initiatives and messages so I thought it would be easier to write and outline them in one letter.

## **Bikes and Scooters**

We now have bike racks in the KS2 playground (near the main entrance playground gate near Delius). If your child wishes to cycle to school they can lock their bike onto the racks – you would need to provide a bike lock that your child can operate. We have also ordered scooter racks but unfortunately the order has been delayed. We will let you know when they are in place and then scooters can also be secured throughout the school day. If your child brings a bike or scooter to school it will be in the playground during the day and the gates will be locked between the hours of 8.40am and 3.13pm, however the academy takes no responsibility for any theft or damage that may occur. Scooter racks will be available in both KS1 and KS2 playgrounds.

## Late marks

Dixons Academy Trust have amended their attendance policy to reflect national attendance guidance. All academies will now record a late mark if a student arrives at school 30 minutes after the start of the school day. This means that if your child arrives after 9.10am they will be recorded as late. If your child is feeling a little under the weather, please give them whatever medicines you use at home and ensure they arrive at school on time. If a child is ill we will always notify you and ask you to collect them, but often Calpol or similar can relieve symptoms and this means your child does not lose a day of education.

## **After-School Clubs**

If any parents have any hobbies or interests (arts, crafts, cooking, drama etc.) and would like to volunteer to run an after-school club for a half term (usually 6 weeks) then please contact the office for more information. We like to offer a range of clubs for our children and we do not usually charge for our clubs so any additional help would be much appreciated!

Yours sincerely,

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