

19th February 2023

Dear families,

I hope you have had a peaceful and restful half term and enjoyed some fun family times together. We look forward to welcoming you back to school at 8.25am tomorrow.

We have a busy half term ahead with several trips and experiences happening for our students, as well as Cycle 2 assessments so that we will be able to report to you on your child's progress. Please keep supporting us at home by reading as often as possible with your child, learning times tables and encouraging your child to use our online resources such as Education City and Reading Plus.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind families of our uniform policy which is attached and to ask that only small, stud ear-rings are worn to school. Patterns should not be shaved into hair for the return to school and footwear should be plain, black shoes. Our children look smart and ready to learn without distraction when the correct uniform is adhered to.

Student attendance was much improved following the Christmas holidays and I would remind families that every day really does count if your child is to achieve their potential. Please ensure that all holidays are booked within the school holidays. We have 2 weeks off for Easter and 5 weeks in summer, as well as a week at the end of May and 2 days for the Eid celebrations at the end of June.

Don't forget that all our children can continue to have a free school meal every day until we break up in July thanks to the kind donations we received after the BBC news article. Just let the office know if you want your child to have a free lunch if you have not done so already.

We are all ready and looking forward to a busy and productive few weeks, working with you to ensure that your child achieves the very best that they can. Thank you, as always, for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Haunch
Principal



Uniform

The following items are required:

- purple jumper or cardigan with logo
- grey long trousers, skirt, pinafore dress or shalwar kameez
- white shirt
- plain black, purple or grey hijab
- plain flat, black shoes (no logos, stripes, flashing lights or wheels).

Please make sure your child has a coat for the playground. If boots are to be worn in winter, please bring shoes to change into inside the building.

Your child's school bag should be the flat Dixons Marchbank bag which is available from our uniform suppliers.

PE kit

The following items are required:

- plain white t-shirt
- plain black or grey shorts
- plain black or grey tracksuit bottoms
- purple jumper or cardigan with logo
- plain black trainers

All uniform items should have your child's name written clearly in them.

Hairstyling

Patterns should not be shaved into the head as this can distract children and others from their learning.

Jewellery

Jewellery must not be worn to school. If your child has pierced ears, small studs are permitted, however these must be removed or covered by the child for PE. Children who wear watches must take full responsibility for them.

Personal belongings

Children may not bring valuable personal items to school, as staff cannot be held responsible for them. Children are expected to take responsibility for their own school equipment, which must be named.

