



St Edward's School

Unity - Achievement - Faith

5th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, may I wish you all a happy new year! I hope that you all had a pleasant Christmas break and were able to take time to rest and spend time with your loved ones. As we begin our Spring term we look forward to the brighter mornings and lighter evenings.

I would like to begin this term by asking for your support in ensuring that together we continue to uphold the high standards we always strive to achieve. One strand of this is ensuring that student's uniform is correct, in line with our school policy and smart. The uniform policy can be found [here](#), if replacing a school skirt please ensure that it is a pleated skirt as we will be phasing this change in. Please can I ask you to ensure your child is in the correct school shoes, no trainers, and complies with the policy including piercings, nails and haircuts. We will shortly be updating you regarding planned adjustments to our uniform as we work to reduce costs for our families, including a new online supplier. We will also be seeking your views to help our future planning. In the meantime, Bartletts, our current supplier are selling new blazers at only £25 each, whilst their stocks last. Please be assured that you are not expected or required to purchase new uniform for your child. Any significant changes will be phased in and introduced via students joining us in September.

Please can I ask those who collect students from school to be sensitive to our neighbours when parking and waiting for students to arrive. There have been instances where neighbours have been prevented from being able to leave their driveway resulting in our school staff often being involved in some difficult situations. If you come onto the school site, please only use the disabled parking spaces if you are eligible to. These spaces are there for the use of families who need them on a daily basis.

Additionally, those students who make their own way home, please do remind them that they are representing the school at this time; there have been concerns raised about the way in which some students are congregating. We ask students to be mindful of people's homes, care homes and the general public whilst they get home safely.

Finally please can I remind you of the wellbeing page on our website, which you can find [here](#), this page is for our students to use, to be able to access any relevant support that they may need. We update this regularly with any new resources and it also includes our SHARP system. This is an anonymous system used to share any issues or concerns that students may want some support with, it allows students to confidentially reach out and allows our staff to action anything necessary.

Once again, I want to thank you for your ongoing support. I wish you a healthy and peaceful 2023.

Kind regards,

Mr. Michael Wood
Director of Learning