

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of the Spring Term, school has reviewed the wide range of covid-19 protocols that are currently in place. The ultimate aim is to return school to normal. I recognise that we need to do this carefully, with consideration and monitor the impact any changes may have in school. We have not had an on-site Covid-19 case in school in part due to luck but also due to good planning and observance by all of the safety measures in place.

Summer Term arrangements

1. Staggered arrival and departure times will remain in place. This has made for a very calm start to the day.
2. Staggered break and lunch times will remain in place.
3. Specialist teachers E.g. DT, Art, Science, Humanities will return to delivering lessons to pupils.
4. The one-way system will remain in operation.
5. Key Stage bubbles will remain in place, except on a Friday afternoon during 'Rewards' to give pupils the opportunity to interact with friends across school.
6. Residential provision will expand provision to Year 9 pupils.
7. Early in the Term class groups will be set for September 2021. For some pupils this time of transition can be an anxious one. To support this a series of transition days will be built into the school week.

School Uniform

School has a very clear and flexible uniform policy. Details can be found on the website:

<http://www.greenbankschool.org/page/uniform/13777>

School uniform is a very important part of the identify of a school. It sends a message to pupils, our local community and visitors that presentation and schools ethos and values are important. During lock down we have supported a flexible approach to uniform. However, in some areas of school you might be forgiven for thinking that Greenbank does not have a school uniform. Some pupils have arrived in jeans, crop tops, camouflaged clothing, hooded tops (with a wide range of large logos and motifs on them) and trainers in a variety of vibrant colours. From the Summer Term, I would like to move back towards the school uniform policy and the message that high standards of dress are required at all times, reinforcing the standards of appearance and behaviour that are needed to meet and maintain high expectations. I would hope that this advance notice will give families enough time to support school in re-establishing a consistent approach to uniform.

On days where pupils have P.E. they can wear P.E. uniform under either black / blue joggers and a blue sweatshirt or V-neck jumper as per the school uniform list attached. To those of you who have maintained your school uniform- thank you, it is noticeable.

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Headteacher: Mr M. McCann

Covid-19 Home Testing kits

Earlier in the term school received Home Testing kits and families were asked to contact school if they wished to receive these kits. Take up has been very low. 8 pupils out of 112 have opted to access the kits. Whilst I am confident that all families are following the Covid-19 rules, the regular testing programme is an important part of the Test and Trace programme and pupils are *encouraged* to access the testing programme. If you need additional testing kits to cover the Easter break or wish now to access the test kits, please contact the main office in school. Arrangements will be made to send kits home with transport.

Sixth Form organised Comic Relief activities in school last Friday and a Design an Eco-Red Nose competition took place. This competition has raised a total of £193. Congratulations to the 3 winners, each of who received a giant Easter Egg for their efforts. I have to say judging was made very difficult by the high standard of entries. A huge thank you to everyone who made a donation. ALL proceeds will be sent direct to Comic Relief. You can be proud of the fact that your donation will make a difference to the lives of vulnerable people.

School closes for pupils on **Tuesday 30th March, 2021** and will re-open on **Monday 19th April**.

Wednesday 31st March and **Thursday 1st April** are staff training days. The focus over both days will be examining and developing schools' sensory strategies in supporting pupils and 'Mental Health, Anxiety and Autism'.

It remains for me to say, have a safe Easter break. I think many of us are hoping that as restrictions relax we can start to see family and friends again, visit places and look forward to Summer.

Many thanks for your continued support and messages. They certainly make a difference.

Yours faithfully,

Mr McCann
Headteacher



School Uniform

Greenbank School students are expected to wear the school uniform listed below. High standards of dress are required at all times, reinforcing the standards of appearance and behaviour that are needed to meet and maintain high expectations.

- grey or black trousers / Skirt
- white shirt worn with a tie or, white polo shirt
- ties are purchased at intake evenings
- 'V' necked plain navy blue jumper
- sensible black shoes and suitable outdoor coat for winter

PE KIT

- white 'T' shirt
- black shorts
- trainers
- dark coloured tracksuits may be worn in winter
- swim suit and towel for pool activities

Sixth Form STUDENTS

- Black trousers/skirts
- White shirt worn with a tie or, white polo shirt (Ties can be purchased through the School Office)
- 'V' necked plain black jumper and/or a black blazer
- Sensible black shoes and suitable outdoor coat for winter
- Sixth Form Hoodie for Sports for Life, Work Experience, College Links Courses and educational field trips
- Leisure wear for Sports for Life activities
- PPE clothing for Work Experience and College Links Courses

Jewellery, Decoration and Other items

- A single necklace or bracelet for religious reasons.
- **Hats:** Only to be worn outside the buildings during breaks and trips.
- **Hair accessories**, such as slides, ribbons, bobble, etc., should be fairly simple and, if possible, in school colours.
- **Earrings:** Small plain studs, matching pair or single.
- **Belts:** Plain black, plain buckle(no oversized buckles).
- **Make-up:** To be modest and discreet (no lipstick, false eyelashes, acrylic nails).
- **No body jewellery, hair dyes, coloured hair extensions, tattoos, visible undergarments.**