

Our Ref. MMc / DMB

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Dear Parents and Carers,

With term well underway now seems an appropriate time to reflect and provide some key messages and reminders. I start every week with a Monday assembly that sets a theme for the week for pupils to focus on. This week the theme was positivity and how a positive mind set and attitude can impact on how people think, engage in lessons and pursue targets.

A couple of reminders have been shared with pupils in relation to personal space and digital devices. It would be helpful if you could reinforce these messages at home.

<u>Personal space</u>: a number of reminders have been made, particularly for our newer, younger pupils in relation to personal space. This includes breaks and lunch times. Activities have, on occasion, led to pupils pushing or pulling each other. Staff on duty support and prevent any escalation but the message around personal space and boisterous play remains in place for now. It is my wish that as pupils continue to settle, they will be better able to self-regulate.

<u>Digital devices</u>: many pupils have access to technology on their journeys to and from school, these devices are handed in on arrival to school for safe keeping. A very small minority of pupils have smart watches. These can be used to make phone calls and send text messages. Whilst school fully embraces access to technology, it must be used appropriately. Making calls and sending texts during the school day is not an appropriate use of technology and breeches schools on-line and safeguarding policies. Where any digital device is used inappropriately their use in school will be reviewed in line with those policies.

I hope you are able to take advantage of the weather on Saturday between storms and rain. Autumn is truly on the way.

Yours faithfully,

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