



Our Ref. MMc / DMB

4th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been noticeable over the last few days that the mornings are getting lighter earlier and the evenings are remaining lighter for longer - Spring is on the way (hopefully accompanied with some warmth and blue skies). It is a great opportunity for pupils to spend more time outdoors and school is planning a series of Spring and Summer events. This includes Duke of Edinburgh Award Expeditions, Key Stage 5 trip to The Conway Centre on Anglesey and a Quidditch tournament (following training for staff).

There are also a number of school improvements projects that are set to begin which will involve a Drama and Music studio, gated entrance onto the staff car park, Sixth Form base re-design and Conference room.

We are currently having problems with our telephone infrastructure. The quality and clarity of the line is not what it should be. Very frustrating as we are often asking callers to repeat what they are saying (which must be equally as frustrating for the caller). We have logged the issue with our provider and hope that the issues will be resolved quickly. Please bear with us.

I completed one of my whole school checks this week, with a focus on taxi arrival time at school. It is critical that transport arrives in good time for the start of the school day. Doors open at 8:50 with lessons starting prompt at 9:00am. A small number of taxis consistently do not arrive until 9:00am which impacts on a calm start to the day and the learning that has been planned. Where appropriate I have spoken to drivers. It would also help if your child is ready to embark promptly onto the taxi at the start of the day. I fully appreciate that mornings for many families can be hectic and that traffic conditions can impact on arrival times and appreciate your efforts in making sure pupils arrive to school in good time. I also recognise that some transports arrive in very good time- Thank you.

Our school community is an open, inclusive, positive and welcoming one. There are 'No Outsiders'. Tony, who is based in Key Stage 4, has been leading on schools ambition to have this recognised beyond school and the Governing Board. To that end he has led school working towards and gaining the 'Rainbow Flag Award'. This was confirmed to-day. Congratulations to Tony and the team for the work you put into this in addition to your other duties across school.

Please have a safe and enjoyable weekend.

Yours faithfully,

Mr McCann
Headteacher



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