

EMWL 22.9.23

Dear parent/carer,

I hope you are all well after another week of miserable weather!

It has been fantastic to see our new Enrichment programme during lunch times running so well this week. There is so much for students to choose from, and it is brilliant that so many of them are attending.

Uniform is looking fantastic on the whole, we are really pleased with how well students have come back to school. We have seen a couple of rolled skirts, but we have a full supply of grey trousers ready for anyone who continues to break the school policy around rolling and skirt length. Please can you make sure that your child has the right skirt and support us if they are asked to change into the trousers.

We are still having large numbers of students asking to go to the toilet during lesson time, and whilst we will always come and collect students who need to go, we do need to keep aware of the lost learning time (for the and also the whole class that is disrupted when the child is collected) and some students who are asking to leave lessons a lot. We have an overview of anyone with medical conditions and have a toilet pass, that is a separate matter. We are saying now that students will not be allowed to go to the toilet in the first or last ten minutes of a lesson as they can go in the transition time. There will be circumstances when the adult in the room judges it is an emergency and they are allowed to go of course. We will be encouraging students to go to the toilet in the transitions and breaks, but we do understand that there are some circumstances in which they do have to leave the lesson, and they will be collected and taken.

Having the right equipment for learning is one of key foci this year as a school. All students have been provided with the equipment that they need at the start of the year – please can you ensure that they replace anything that runs out as the year goes on. We will always support students who struggle to organise themselves, especially those with needs that mean this is difficult for them. At the same time though, we need to foster and develop their independence in taking responsibility for the equipment that they need. Having your child's name on everything is also very helpful for returning misplaced items.

Reminder school **closes** next week at **2pm on Thursday 28 September** so we can prepare for our open evening.

Best wishes and take care,



Emma Mills

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 28 September Open evening for Year 6 students 4.00pm- 7.00pm