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Dear Parents/Carers,

**RE – Summer Term Welcome and expectations**

We hope this letter finds you well and that you've enjoyed a wonderful Easter break with your families. As we begin the summer term, I wanted to share some key information, reminders and expectations to ensure an efficient and effective start.

**Attendance;**

There is nothing more important than having good attendance (95% and above). Research consistently demonstrates the significant impact that regular attendance has on students' academic performance and overall success.

We recognise that the beginning of a new term presents an excellent opportunity for positive change, and we encourage both students and parents to prioritise attendance from day one and aim to achieve 100% attendance for the rest of the year. Establishing a routine of attending school regularly sets a positive tone for the entire term and reinforces the value of education in our students' lives.

**Punctuality;**

In addition to attendance, punctuality is equally essential for a productive learning environment. We kindly remind all students to arrive promptly at school no later than 08:25.

**Uniform;**

We would like to remind parents and students about the importance of adhering to our school uniform policy. A neat and proper uniform not only instils a sense of pride in our students but also creates a positive and focused learning environment. Please ensure that your child arrives at school in the correct uniform each day, students who do not will be provided with the necessary items from our uniform store before they are able to access their lessons. A link to our uniform policy is below which provides further information regarding what is and isn't permitted. The most common uniform misdemeanors include incorrect footwear, branded jumpers, inappropriate length of skirts and not wearing their blazer.

<https://www.oiea.co.uk/key-info/uniform>

We appreciate your support in ensuring that students are well-presented in their uniforms.

Piercings are still not permitted and are confiscated on sight once the school day has commenced (with the exception of stud earrings). Bracelets are not allowed due to the practical nature of many subjects and students are only permitted to wear a single ring on each hand.

#### Equipment:

To support excellent teaching and learning, we expect all students to come to school with the equipment that they need to learn. The basic equipment that your child will need is:

- Black pen x 2
- Red pen
- Pencil
- Highlighter
- 15cm ruler
- White board marker (black)

All students will be expected to bring a bag to school every day. This bag must be big enough to hold:

- Pencil case
- Bottle of water
- A4 size exercise book
- PE kit

#### School reception:

The new reception area, accessible via Scarborough Avenue, is now the only access point onto school site for visitors.

#### Scarborough Avenue parking restrictions:

Approximately 500 students access school site via Scarborough Avenue every morning. As such, Scarborough Avenue will now become a 'no drop off or parking zone' as to avoid cars turning around where student congregate and using residents' driveways. We thank parents for their understanding and cooperation.

Thank you for your attention to these important matters. We look forward to a successful term ahead and very much appreciate your support.

Warm regards,



Mr S Leach

Principal