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Dear Parent /Carer

At this mid point in the academic year, it is timely to remind and reassure parents/carers regarding our expectations in and around school. We have made no secret of the standards that we believe to be vital in enabling Kingstone pupils to make the most of school. Occasionally, some children choose to push the boundaries in terms of behaviour, work ethic and standards of appearance; it is our joint responsibility at such times to remain resolute in maintaining the high standards that have contributed hugely to the success of the pupils who have progressed through Kingstone over the years.

With effect from Monday 20th February, there will be a refocus on standards. Pupils will be addressed in assemblies in the first week after half term and staff will be advised to take a consistent approach in dealing with failure to fulfil expectations. With regard to appearance, the pupil planner contains important information which was reinforced in our September letter. The School Shop is open every day at lunchtime in North Hall and sells every aspect of the school uniform, with the exception of shoes. We attach an up to date description of the school uniform for information; a copy is also available on the School's Website. If in doubt, please speak to your child's Link Tutor. We have always been reluctant to send children home when they arrive at school improperly dressed. However, given the publicity that we have given to uniform over the years, including this advanced notice, we would be justified in taking this action in future. Any such absence would more than likely be recorded as unauthorised.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind you that mobile phones and portable music players (e.g. iPods) should not be brought in to school and, if seen during school hours, they will be confiscated. A parent or appointed adult will then have to collect the device from Reception or, after five school days, it may be returned to the pupil.

Punctuality and readiness for work, although essentially strengths of the school, do need occasional reinforcement. Pupils should be settled in class by 8:25 am prompt and should be equipped for the day. As a minimum, pupils should present a planner, a pen (pencil and ruler) and any specialist equipment for the day.

We pride ourselves on providing the best opportunities for the pupils in our care; central to this remains an insistence on high standards. We also pride ourselves on positive relationships with children and their parents. By applying a consistent approach with home and school working together, we sincerely believe that we strengthen this relationship.

We thank you for your continued support for the school and your child. Be assured that everything we do is with your child's best interests at heart.

Yours sincerely



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