

MJC/jr
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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to the new term! The students have returned in a really positive frame of mind which is an acknowledgement to the shift towards normality, and although there is still cautionary progress to be made they have started well with the school resembling a more traditional setting, without zones and the other restrictions we have had to endure. It is been great to see trips and activities return this week and hear the buzz of learning around the corridors.

We have taken the new start as an opportunity to reset on a few routines and concepts, for example behaviour, recognising success and raising awareness of respect for the wonderfully diverse world we live in.

Our behaviour reset really concentrates on going back to basics to remind students and staff of the expectations around behaviour at Wildern and what the rules are. This is completed in tutor periods and assemblies by explicitly teaching students what the expectations are. This is then reinforced in lesson times and at break and lunch.

Last week we concentrated on respect and how students speak to each other, staff and the wider community. We also discussed respect for the school site and local environment.

This week we are concentrating on getting the basics right. This involves going over the rules around punctuality, mobile phones, no go areas in school and uniform.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you for your support in getting the right uniform. The students have returned looking really smart and we want this to continue. Please can you check that your child is wearing shoes for school and not slipping into their trainers when they leave the house, we want everyone in appropriate footwear. Uniform expectations are outlined on pages 12 and 13 of the Parent Handbook.

The other focus this week is the Home School Partnership, which is found on page 7 of the Parent Handbook as well as in the student planner, pages 16 and 17. This week please take a moment to read through it with them and sign the agreement in the student planner as it is a positive statement that we will all work together to get the very best outcomes for your child.

Next week will see the launch of our #it'snotok campaign which will appear throughout the year to raise awareness of harmful sexual behaviours, bullying, peer on peer abuse and racist behaviours. The campaign will give advice and guidance on what is not acceptable, how to challenge it and who can help and you can read more about it on page 10 of the Parent Handbook.

I will write home to update you on the weekly focus regularly for the campaign and the work we are doing on behaviour so that you are aware and can talk to your child at home. As always, thank you for your support, here is to an exciting year ahead!

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Headteacher