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Dear Parent Carer,

Ahead of our return to school on Tuesday 7th January, I hope you have all had a wonderful Christmas break and we all look forward to welcoming our students back to school for the next half term and the new year.

A positive start to term is always essential and this is underpinned by being prepared and organised and ready for school.

This half term, we will be focusing on our routines around school and improving how students move and interact with one another in between lessons. This is to ensure a calm arrival and start to their learning and to uphold and encourage our school values of being **Kind**, **Polite and Responsible**. We aim for this to be present in all aspects of school life, including being courteous to other students in stairwells and corridors.

After a long break from school, we want to ensure that our students are welcomed back positively and they are ready and prepared to learn. We expect that all students will be in the correct uniform each day. As a reminder, the Meden School uniform consists of:

- Blazer, which must be worn unless otherwise stated
- Tie & White Shirt,
- Black school trousers, not leggings
- Black school shoes
- Optional black V-neck jumper
- A single stud earring is allowed in each ear.
- Students are also expected to wear and display their lanyards around school at all times.

Students should **not have multiple piercings** in their ears or have any other facial jewellery. **False/ acrylic nails should not be worn**. We do not allow hoodies or sports jackets and your child should wear a coat over their school blazer if needed for warmth.

As always, if you require any support with uniform, please get in touch.

We want our students to be prepared for school so they can access all of their lessons and their learning. Students should bring the following equipment to school:

- Culture Card
- Black Pen (s)
- Green Pen (s)
- Pencil (s)
- Ruler
- Rubber
- School bag





As a school, we will always support students and provide what they do not have so they can access their learning, but we expect students to **equip themselves** and **be responsible for the equipment** they have and need. **We will continue to provide homework planners, whiteboards and whiteboard pens,** when necessary, and **we will exchange equipment** should a student's pen run out, for example. Lanyards and student ID cards will also be provided but we expect students to take care of these and be responsible for wearing them as expected.

We know that during the school holidays, children will have spent a significant amount of time on their electronic devices, including mobile phones. As a reminder mobile phones should not be seen or heard in school (ideally, they should not be brought into school at all). If a mobile phone is seen or heard, then it will be confiscated. Mobile phones will only be returned to a Parent/ Carer who has come to collect it.

If there are any foreseeable issues with uniform, equipment or punctuality please get in touch and we will make amendments as necessary and support where we can.

Can I take this opportunity to thank parents for their continued support in what was a really positive Autumn term and I look forward to a positive start from everyone this term.

Kind regards

Mr Morton Deputy Headteacher

Reminder of key email contacts

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