

KW/KRE

18<sup>th</sup> September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

I wanted to thank you all for your support in settling our students back into school. We have seen a very good start with nearly all students attending regularly.

## **New Fencing/Access Arrangements**

As you know, we installed new fencing and gates to secure the school site for students, as with any change there are always a few teething problems, and I would like to ask your support to keep our students as safe as possible.

Ideally if parents are dropping students off in cars they should enter our car park, follow the traffic around and then drop students off after exiting the car park gates in the bay on your left. There is no pedestrian access from the main car park through to the Wigton Road gate. Alternatively, if you need to drop students off in the main car park they should walk around to the rear gate where they will be able to come into school. I will place staff in this area to support with this over the next few days.

## **Changes to the Weather**

As the weather begins to change I have noticed a number of students coming into school without a jacket/raincoat. Students can access a locker free of charge to store items once they have dried off (all they require is their own lock). It might just help to keep students more comfortable in school if they are dry. Please ask your child to speak to their form tutor if they wish to arrange a locker.

## Physical Education – Return to Original PE Kit Routine

At the start of this academic year, we introduced a new routine whereby students were asked to attend school in their PE kit if they had a PE lesson that day. Students were to bring their uniform with them to get changed into after the PE lesson, if this was period 1 or period 2. However, due to our high standards of uniform not being met by a small number of our students, we will be reverting back to the original routine where students will arrive to the Academy in their full school uniform. Students will get changed into their PE kit at the start of their PE lesson, then change into their uniform at the end of each PE lesson.

For clarity, if your child has PE during the day on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September onwards, they are to come to the Academy in their full school uniform with their PE kit in their bag.

As always please do get in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours sincerely

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