



# THE GRANGE SCHOOL

*Mr V Murray – Headteacher*

October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

## **A positive start to the year and some reminders for the next half term.**

Firstly, a big thank you from me for supporting us in ensuring the best possible attendance for our students. I am pleased to share the vast majority of our students have excellent attendance so far this year and we are keen to maintain it going forward. As winter closes in, coughs and colds are often unavoidable, but please do all you can to get your child to school, if at all possible.

### **Half Termly Pastoral Focus**

Each half term, we have a pastoral focus for students and staff, raising the profile of important aspects of school life. Our Pastoral Focus for the next half term is Excellent Behaviour at social times and Maintaining High Uniform Standards. As always, we ask for your support in making sure your child has the necessary uniform, and they leave home in full uniform each day.

### **Uniform Standards – some reminders**

Whilst our uniform is generally excellent, there are a few common issues we ask for your support in reminding your child of the following points:

- Blazers are compulsory and not an alternative to a black jumper. Students are not permitted to wear a black jumper without a blazer.
- Shoes appropriate for school must be worn, trainers of any kind are not part of our uniform.
- Hoodies, or any other kind of jumper, are not part of our uniform and must not be worn.

Our uniform expectations are clear and have not changed. Please see the school website for full details of our uniform and ensure you do not purchase any unsuitable items: [School Uniform - The Grange School](#)

### **School Sanctions**

As part of our school culture, there are consequences for non-compliance and unacceptable behaviour. Detentions are set for the end of the school day for 30, 60 or 90 minutes, depending on the issue. 60- and 90-minute detentions are too often set for non-attendance to a 30 minute detention, so are easily avoidable.

Sadly, a small number of students choose to avoid detentions, and they are escalated from quite minor issues to 90 minute detentions, inclusion time and sometime suspensions from school. As you can imagine, we are all keen to avoid this.

Can I please ask for your support in reminding your child on the day if they have a detention (you will see it on Satchel), but also to remind your child that sanctions that are set need to be attended to avoid escalation.

Also, we cannot take the word of the child to rearrange detentions on the day of the detention. Can I please ask you to contact your child's Year Team Leader 24 hours before the detention if there is an unavoidable appointment and the detention needs to be rearranged.

### **Parking and congestion at the start and end of the school day**

Despite my regular pleas for support with this, the congestion at the front of school remains of grave concern. Can I please ask that students are dropped off and collected away from the school and ask parents and carers not to drive into the carpark to wait for their child around 3.00pm.

A number of parents, carers and taxis need to legitimately access the car park and have a pass to do so, but they are sometimes unable to get in due to the congestion. Can I also ask drivers with passes to be prepared to show it to the duty staff to ensure smooth entry. If you do not have a pass, you may be refused entry or asked to leave the carpark by duty staff.

I hope you are able to enjoy some family time over the half term break, I look forward to welcoming your child back to school on **Monday 4 November 2024** refreshed and ready for the new half term.

If you have any feedback about this letter, or any other comments you wish to make, please email me directly at [ngolding@grange.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:ngolding@grange.bucks.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully



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