

HOLY TRINITY

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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you with some key pieces of information needed for the start of next term.

Start of term arrangements:

Monday, 2nd September 2024 – INSET Day Tuesday, 3rd September 2024 – All Primary Phase & Year 7 & Year 11 pupils only Wednesday 4th September 2023 – All pupils in school.

Behaviour for learning 2023-24:

We remain committed to ensuring behaviour for learning is excellent at all times and to do this, it is essential that we have high expectations of students so that they are able to learn effectively in their lessons. We will continue to update you of any changes we make regarding behaviour.

Equipment:

To ensure that students are equipped to learn and learning time is not wasted, it is still compulsory for all students to attend school with a pencil case containing the necessary equipment to learn. Students will need a suitable school bag to carry their pencil case and exercise books.

Mobile phones, smart watches and electronic devices:

We would also like to take the opportunity to remind you that all electronic devices are banned on school site. This includes mobile phones, music devices and all smart watches. The negative impact these devices have on students' emotional health is clear. Students, who are seen with any of these devices on school site, will have the item confiscated and returned at 3pm from the main office.

Should you need to get a message to your child please contact the school number and a message will be delivered. To avoid unnecessary sanctions, please do not make contact with them on their electronic device during the school day.

Should your child need to contact you urgently, they should speak to Student Support who will ensure communication is facilitated.

Uniform:

You can see our uniform policy in detail on our school website. If students do not arrive in September with correct uniform, they will be provided with uniform until this is rectified.

All students are required to wear:

- A Holy Trinity blazer
- A plain white school shirt (not a polo shirt)
- A Holy Trinity tie.







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School Shoes:

Plain black, polished, formal school shoes (with no logos, other colours or contrasting soles). Smart black boots are not permitted. Laces must be entirely black. Trainers of any kind, including plimsolls are not permitted.

School trousers:

Full-length plain grey smart/tailored trousers.

School skirts:

School skirts can be purchased from the uniform providers on our website. Please note that skirts can only be purchased from our uniform providers and they will only sell skirts in a 22" length. If your child requires a shorter skirt, please email info@holytrinitybarnsley.org requesting to purchase a shorter skirt and telling us which uniform provider you would like to buy from. We will then contact the uniform provider who will then sell you an appropriately sized skirt. Please note that all students' skirts must be knee length and no higher.

Black tights are to be worn with a skirt. Knee high socks are not permitted.

School Jumper:

An optional uniform school jumper is also available to be purchased. This should not be worn without the school blazer.

Jewellery:

A reminder that earrings are not to be worn at school - plastic retainers can be used but these must be removed for PE. Necklaces, bracelets, bangles, sweatbands are also not permitted and will need to be removed.

Hair:

No extremes of hair style or colours are allowed. Students who have long hair are to have their hair tied back during practical lessons.

Only natural hair colours and styles are acceptable.

Makeup and Nails:

Discretely applied make-up is acceptable for students in Years 10 and 11 only. If makeup is deemed inappropriate, students will be asked to remove it, this includes fake eyelashes. Finger nails must not be coloured or acrylic.

Attendance:

We do understand that transitioning back to school in September may be challenging, however, we would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that the attendance target figure for all pupils is a minimum of 97%. We wish to work in partnership with parents and carers and therefore ask for your full support in ensuring that your child attends school every day and on time. We ask that you book medical appointments out of school hours.

Holidays during term time will not be authorised and this could result in a fixed penalty notice issued by the Local Authority.

We look forward to a great year!

Mrs Oldcorn Headteacher