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Easter Update

Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of the term, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and partnership in your child's education. It has been a busy and productive term and we are proud of the progress our students have made. We wish you and your family a restful and enjoyable Easter break and look forward to welcoming students back for the new term.

We would also like to take this opportunity to update you on a couple of important school policies.

Toilet Policy Update

To minimise disruption to learning, we encourage all students to use the toilet during break, lunch, and lesson changeovers. While we understand that there may be occasions when a student needs to use the toilet during lessons, this will be at the teacher's discretion (toilet pass exceptions apply). A reasonable amount of time will be allocated for students to leave the classroom when necessary; however, if a student exceeds this time and is absent from the lesson for longer than permitted, a detention sanction will be applied. Our aim is to ensure that lesson time is maximised for learning and that students remain engaged in their education.

Demerit Policy Update

To further support a focused learning environment, we are reinforcing our approach to student behaviour in lessons. If a student accumulates **10 demerits** due to poor behaviour, disruption, or negatively impacting the learning of others, this will automatically trigger a detention. We hope this policy will encourage students to take responsibility for their behaviour and maintain a positive learning environment for all.

Mobile Phone Policy Reminder

We would like to remind all students and parents of our **"Off and Away or It Gets Taken Away"** mobile phone policy. If a student is found using their phone during school hours, it will be **confiscated and securely stored in the school's front office** until a parent or guardian collects it. This policy is in place to ensure that students remain focused on their learning and to prevent distractions in the classroom. If a



student refuses to comply, they will be removed from learning until policy has been followed and the school will follow its behaviour policy for school refusing and student non compliance.

Attendance and Punctuality Reminder

Punctuality and attendance are crucial for academic success. If a student is **late to a lesson or absent from a lesson for an extended period without a valid reason**, they will be **issued a detention**. We expect all students to be in lessons on time and fully engaged to prioritise learning and maximise progress.

Behaviour Expectations

We have high expectations for behaviour across our school community. **Excellent behaviour is essential** to creating a safe and positive learning environment for all. Any instances of poor behaviour, including disrespect, disruption, or failure to follow school rules, will result in appropriate sanctions. We ask for your support in reinforcing these expectations to ensure that all students contribute positively to our school environment.

Expectations Outside of School

Students are representatives of our school including outside of the school gates. We expect all students to demonstrate **respectful and responsible behaviour** in the wider community. This includes the **appropriate use of mobile phones**, using **respectful language**, avoiding any **physical altercations**, and treating others with **kindness and respect** at all times. Poor behaviour outside of school that affects the reputation of the school or the well-being of others may result in sanctions. We appreciate your support in ensuring that our students uphold these values both in and out of school.

We appreciate your support in reinforcing these expectations with your child. If you have any questions regarding these policies, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Once again, thank you for your continued partnership, and we wish you a wonderful Easter break.

Yours faithfully

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