

17 December 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As this term comes to an end, it is a chance to reflect on a long and busy few months for the school and a year that has to be the most difficult in terms of having some stability and normal schooling pattern. We are so thankful for the hard work, determination and resilience that the students and staff have shown this year despite all the unprecedented challenges.

A key focus for the school this academic year is to ensure students not only 'catch-up' academically but also ensure they are supported with their social and wellbeing needs. We are proud to have initiated the following interventions through our 'Personal Development programme' to assist students return back to some sense of normality:

- Fearless workshops delivered by Crimestoppers
- Anti-Bullying week
- Loudmouth Theatre Company delivering Bullying workshops to Year 9 students
- Year 8 and Year 10 students have taken part in the Worcestershire Schools' Health Related Behaviours Survey
- Mental Health & Wellbeing programme delivered by 'Action for Children
- Black History Month activities
- All students have had an assembly on 'peer on peer' abuse – What is it?
- Nationwide Building Society working with the school to develop a bespoke financial literacy programme for the students
- Careers fair for Year 10 – 13 students – over 40 exhibitors!
- Elevate education independent study workshops for Year 11 students
- Relationship and sex education now being delivered on a rolling programme to all Year 7 & 8 students throughout the year
- A Wellbeing and Emotional Support Practitioner (on behalf of Public Health England) has been allocated to the school and will be working in school for 2.5 days per week after the Christmas break.

Excellent Learning habits

The Bewdley School is committed to promoting and developing the moral values and ethos as a school. Our school motto "Learning for Life – Achievement for All" applies to both students and staff. We expect the school community to ensure they are **Ready, Respectful and Safe** by living the school values.

We expect **all** students to adhere to the school's "**non-negotiables**":

- arrive to lesson on time
- complete all classwork to the best of their ability
- complete all homework
- bring and use their Knowledge Organiser
- wear the school uniform in full and with pride

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- bring a fully equipped pencil case with the following equipment to every lesson – at least 2 black/blue pens, green pen, purple pen, pencils, eraser, pencil sharpener, calculator, ruler, highlighter, colouring pencils, scissors, glue stick, compass, protractor
- students to put their hands up to ask/answer questions

We thank you in advance for your support in ensuring your child arrives to school “Ready to Learn”.

Special Educational Needs

With regards to the school SENCO, From January 2022 Mrs Bodman will be taking over the role. We have a designated SEN email sen@bewdley.worcs.sch.uk and would ask that all parents use this to contact the school for all matters with regards special needs. Mr Willis will be continuing to work as Assistant Head and will be supporting Mrs Bodman in her new role.

High Expectations of Uniform

We expect all students to be smart because we are a school with traditional values. The expectation is that all students are in full school uniform every day. Thank you to our parents and carers for supporting the school in implementing our uniform policy and a polite reminder that ‘hooded sweatshirts’ and trainers are NOT permitted items of footwear and should not be worn in school. We appreciate that shoes can be an expensive item for parents to buy and we are therefore keen to ensure the correct version is purchased. Your child may tell you differently, but trainer-type shoes are not permitted, nor are canvas pumps, trainers or mules.

All of our uniform is available to order online or by telephone from [Marks & Spencer](#). Further details and information on our school uniform and breaches of school uniform can be found in our Behaviour Policy [here](#).

Please see the “Acceptable School Uniform Guidelines” at the end of this letter.

COVID-19 Testing

During the Christmas holidays, students should continue to complete twice weekly LFD tests especially when mixing households to help prevent the spread of the virus. In January we will be conducting onsite LFD testing during the first week of the Spring term.

Testing will commence from **Tuesday 4 January** and follow the timetable as outlined below:

[Testing Schedule for January 2022](#)

A message from The Children’s Commissioner

The Children’s Commissioner is today launching [a guide for parents and carers on online sexual harassment and how they can support children to stay safe online](#).

“The things I wish my parents had known” draws together advice from 16 to 21-year olds on how parents should manage tricky conversations around sexual harassment and access to inappropriate content, including pornography.

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A surprising but overriding message from young people is that parents should start these challenging conversations early. They suggest broaching topics before a child is given a phone or a social media account, which is often around the age of 9 or 10.

Finally, the students at The Bewdley School have been a true credit to all parents, carers and the community. We will continue to work together to get through the ups and downs of this global pandemic. Therefore, we would like to wish you all a lovely Christmas and Happy New year. We hope you all have a relaxing time over the festive season. We are looking forward to returning in January to a new year and new term with refreshed enthusiasm and hope for the future.

Best wishes, The Bewdley School



Acceptable school uniform guidelines

Blazer [Boys]



Blazer [Girls]



Jumper



Polo Shirt [summer only]



School Tie

[Yrs 7, 8]



[Yrs 9, 10 & 11]



Examples of **acceptable** footwear [Boys]



Examples of **unacceptable** footwear:



Examples of **acceptable** footwear [Girls]



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