

13 September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you so much for your support over last week; the Year Group have been fantastic, and we are immensely proud of their enthusiasm and initiative - they have made a great start. Their subject staff, support staff and form tutors are impressed with how quickly and confidently they have settled.

As we move forward through this half term, we would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to the following:

Supply Chain Issues

We are very aware that there are supply chain issues with parts of uniform, this is not only impacting on John Willmott School, but we are working with the local stockists as closely as we can. Please do not worry and advise the school what you are missing or waiting for so that we are aware and can issue a uniform pass.

In terms of uniform please do read the uniform policy which was issued in your transition packs and is also in your son/ daughter's planner and on the school website. We do expect your support in ensuring your child is wearing black shoes or trainers with no visible branding and only one pair of stud earrings, nose piercings, facial piercings and acrylic nails are not allowed at all.

Free School Meals

If you know your child should be having Free School Meals, please do remind them of this, they get £2.37 put onto their account every day. You can also add to this using your ParentPay account or students can add cash via the machine in the dining hall. Please be aware that students in receipt of free school meals will not see the £2.37 on the machine in the dining hall, this is only displayed on the tills in the dining hall.

Lost Property

We have had a number of items in lost property located in Pupil Reception with no names. Over the last week we have returned blazers, water bottles, PE tops and pencil cases to students. This is an easier task if things are labelled.

ParentPay

You should have received your ParentPay letter with your child's details, if you need this reissued, please do contact the school and one can be emailed or sent via post.

Water Bottles

Please do send your child to school with water bottles they can refill during break and lunchtime, particularly in warm weather and on days they have PE. As before, it is useful if these are labelled. It is crucial that students are well hydrated, they are allowed to drink water only in classrooms but are not allowed to leave during learning time to replenish their bottles.

Satchel One and Home Learning

The Home Learning Policy is available on the website, the FAQs are in your child's planner and there is a video on our YouTube Channel explaining how it is used. You will shortly receive your parental Satchel One login details together with further information about Satchel One.

Lockers

We are focused on improving the facilities for students in school as well as maintaining the standards of tidiness, security and safety. To this end we have a scheme which offers parents the opportunity to lease a locker for their child for the whole period of their school life.

The scheme operates as follows:

- a) The cost of the locker is £35.00 payable in advance via ParentPay
- b) Each student is responsible for her/his own key, if a key is lost the student will be required to purchase a replacement (cost approximately £2.25)
- c) At the end of Year 11, on receipt of the locker key, a refund of £5.00 will be made.

If you have any queries about the above or any aspect of the school day, please do get in touch.

Yours faithfully

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Heads of Year **Assistant Headteacher**