

# Meopham School

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Dear Parents, Carers

It has now been just over a year since schools reopened in full following the pandemic. Thanks to you, our staff and our students, Meopham School has been able to return to being the successful, supportive and thriving community it has always been. I now think it is timely to address and reiterate the standards we expect in order to ensure we drive our students towards achieving excellence together.

High attendance is extremely important for academic success. A target for all students is 96% attendance. Below this students are missing lessons that will inevitably lead to gaps in their understanding, and ultimately a reduction in their overall attainment. While we will, of course, authorise significant medical absence we cannot condone absence for minor ailments or transport and friendship issues, for example. Our attendance team and Heads of Year will work with students and families to support improved attendance. For those who will not engage with this, support measures will be put in place to uphold the legal duty parents have to send their child to school.

Good behaviour in and out of lessons is fundamental to the success and happiness of our students. I am taking this opportunity to assure you that sanctions for those who do not meet these high expectations are increasingly being used to their full extent. We shall not tolerate anti-social or disruptive behaviour in any form. For the minority of students who cannot adhere to our standards we are fully prepared to use exclusions and alternative provisions. Our focus is on providing a supportive and engaging environment for those students who want to learn and succeed.

Wearing school uniform in full, and correctly, is a reflection of the pride our students have in being part of Meopham School. Holidays are often a time when you have a chance to check and replace uniform items. Therefore, I would like to remind you of some uniform priorities;

- Skirts must be to, or just above, the knee (they must not be rolled up)
- Trainers of any type are unacceptable
- Girls must wear open neck blouses
- Blazers are compulsory
- Jumpers are optional and must be untucked
- Jewellery and false eyelashes and nails must not be worn.

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Students who have uniform issues in the morning must report to Student Services at the gate to rectify the issue. Students not in correct uniform may be isolated if the issue cannot be rectified.

I would like to thank you for your support in upholding the high standards of Meopham School and I wish you all a lovely Easter break.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Girling'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ms K Girling  
Head of School