

20 October 2023

Dear PCS Families

What a term it has been. I have been so impressed with our students who have totally immersed themselves in our school community this term, whether it has been by joining our Friday morning PCS Park Run, attending after school clubs and interventions, producing outstanding work in lessons, showing visitors around the school, supporting at Parents' Evening, sharing their Student Voice with us and generally owning their place in their school.

We have such a vibrant student body that is driving our school's development.

Ofsted visit: As soon as our report is published we will ensure you all have access to it but I wanted to let you know, again, how proud I am of our staff and students. We all have high standards and we are not apologetic about that. We are seeing how these standards are ensuring our students and staff get the best educational experience for them to be successful.

Uniform: This is looking really strong. Thank you for your support as it really makes a difference. We have been conducting more Student Voice this term, especially following our drive on uniform and students have said that they have found the fact that we have the same expectations for all, helps them feel like things are fair. They also understand why we sometimes make reasonable adjustments. It's really important to us that students have an opportunity to explore how they feel about our policies. We still have a no jewellery policy and so no new piercings should appear over the holiday. Most piercings made in the summer holiday will have healed and so can be removed, however, a reasonable adjustment will be that for any piercing that has not healed a small, clear plastic stud retainer can be worn instead of having to cover with tape. This will still have to be removed for P.E. Any visible jewellery will be handed in to reception until the end of the day. As always, please do get in contact with the school if you have financial difficulties relating to school uniform and equipment.

Mobile phones: Our stance on this related to safeguarding and wellbeing concerns. Mobile phones are not permitted to be used during the school day. Phones seen being used will be confiscated and taken to Reception. Consistent misuse will result in students having to hand their phone in before entering the school. Please do not contact your child on their mobile during school hours. If you need to get a message to them you can do that via our Reception team.

Next Term

Start of term 2: We come back on Monday 30 October and this will be week 2 of the timetable. The day will start at the normal time for all year groups.

We look forward to another amazing term. Our House system is really taking shape and adding a collegiate and competitive edge to some of the fun activities students can engage in. We make sure that all students have opportunities to be successful and want to reward them for their hard work and contributions.

I hope you have a restful break.

Kindest regards



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Headteacher