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Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to welcome you to the new term at Kemnay Academy. Our new S1 pupils are settled into the routine of classes and their new timetables. For the first week S1 pupils were supported by S2 buddies. The buddies performed an excellent task of supporting pupils and answering any queries, thanks are extended to them.

Bus Passes

All bus pupils are reminded that they **should** carry their bus pass at all times. The bus companies do inspections of bus passes and require pupils to show these when they alight the school transport.

Bus Transport

Due to our increased roll this session 2018/19 there is an additional bus transporting pupils to the Academy.

Mini Bus Drop Off

The school has designated a mini bus drop off zone. This is adjacent to the bike shed and the entrance into the rear car park. Pupils are reminded that they should exercise caution when entering this area.

Contact with the school

Please be aware of the following arrangements regarding correspondence with school staff.

The procedure for parents meeting with school staff is as follows:

Where possible appointments should be made with the appropriate person. In the first instance this may be the PT Guidance for any general enquiries. If a parent requires to speak with a member of the leadership team this should be requested via the school office. The school will always accommodate a parental request for a meeting but there may not always be the opportunity to meet with a parent immediately.

The school will always endeavour to meet a parent in a suitable environment. All parental queries are dealt with in confidence. It is important that the school is given the opportunity to discuss an individual child in a confidential environment.

It is also the practice of the school to allow young people the opportunity to be part of a meeting. To allow parental discussion a young person may be given the opportunity to be present for only a part of the discussion. This offer can be declined and, in those circumstances, the young person would be included for the entirety of the parent meeting. The school will always seek to discuss matters individually to allow both the school and parent/carer the confidence that the situation is addressed.

I would ask that you respect the above procedures we have in place here at Kemnay Academy.

Reporting

In response to a query from the Parent Council, "Why do you report/have parents' night when you do?"

The school compiles an interim report comprising of Effort, Homework and Behaviour grades for pupils in S1- S3.

The interim report for pupils in S4-S6 comprises of Effort, Homework and Behaviour as well as target grades (linked to National Qualifications) and working grades (based on performance evidence to date).

S1

The main focus for Kemnay Academy is to ensure that parents are confident that their S1 child has successfully completed the transition from P7 to S1. To support this the S1 parents' night on **10/10/18** will allow parents/carers to meet with S1 teachers and to discuss progress and settling in.

S1 Parents' night 10/10/18

S1 interim reports 19/12/18

S1 complete report 31/05/19

S2.

The parents' night for S2 will be held on **14/01/19**. It is held at this time to support parents and pupils with course choice personalisation in S3. The parents' night coincides with our information evening held on 10/01/19.

S2 interim reports 09/11/18

S2 parent information evening 10/01/19

S2 parents' night – 14/01/19

S2 complete report 17/05/19

S3

The parents' night for S3 is held in February. It is held at this time to support parents and pupils with NQ course choice. The parents' night coincides with our parent/pupil information evening.

S3 parent/pupil information evening 31/01/19

S3 parents' night 05/02/19

S3 interim report 26/04/19

S3 complete report 03/10/18

Senior Phase (S4/5/6)

Senior phase pupils will receive an interim report before the October break. The purpose of this is to advise parents about target grades and working grades. All senior phase pupils will have had a discussion with their class teacher regarding their progress.

S4 parents will receive a full report in November. Parents/pupils will be able to address the issues highlighted by class teachers at this point. There is a S4 parents' meeting after the S4 prelims and the senior phase information evening. This further allows parents the opportunity to discuss progress made/next steps.

S4 full report 26/11/18

S4 parents' night 27/02/19

Senior phase information evening 19/02/19

S5/6 parents will receive a full report in December. Parents/pupils will be able to address the issues highlighted by class teachers at this point. There is a S5/6 parents' meeting after the prelims. This further allows parents the opportunity to discuss progress made/next steps

S5/6 full report 10/12/18

S5/6 parents' night 07/03/19

Safety concern

Representatives from Breedon Aggregate (Tom's Forest/Quarry) contacted the school with regard to concerns about safety. CCTV footage at the quarry has caught impressions of unauthorised personnel on the site over the summer holidays. The company have asked that the school highlight the significant dangers and risks to entering the quarry site. Parents are encouraged to speak with young people about the need to keep themselves safe and stay away from the prohibited areas given the significant dangers they present.

Litter

The school works hard with the local community to ensure a harmonious co-existence. The local community benefits from the income raised by the school population but also feels the impact of litter.

Pupils are consistently reminded of the need to take litter with them and bin it in the appropriate manner. Since our return this term the school has received complaints about litter on routes from local shops, local vendors back to the school. Your support is acknowledged in encouraging your son/daughter to keep our school community litter free.

Sponsored Walk

The plans are underway for the annual sponsored walk. The money we raise at this event is put back into school funds to support all our pupils. The money is primarily used to allow us to subsidise transport to and from school events. This includes pupil sports, curriculum focused events and wider school activities. Your support with this allows us to continue with this event.

Your View

The school welcomes feedback (compliments/complaints)

You can do this in a number of ways:

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