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Dear Parent/Carer

This has been the most settled half term since the start of the pandemic. Students continue to make us proud with over 50,000 achievement points awarded since 2nd September. They have been collecting many prizes after being awarded their golden tickets and year 7 continue to overwhelm us every week on 'proud Thursday' bringing their work to show us. We are very pleased with the positive start to the year and how well students have adapted to moving around the building calmly and being considerate of others. Their focus and engagement in lessons has been excellent and I have enjoyed watching students' enthusiasm when participating in practical work. Watching Year 7 making bath bombs was a particular highlight!

Since introducing the new mobile phone policy, teachers have reported greater focus in lessons and we have observed students' increased punctuality to lessons. Pastoral teams have noted that they are spending far less time dealing with online bullying and issues that occur outside of school time and are able to spend far more time supporting students. Social times are more conversational and convivial, something we value. Although we know that there are mixed views in the school community about this, we have seen a marked difference in school from this simple change of policy. We thank you for your ongoing support.

We are very pleased that we have not had much disruption due to COVID-19 since the start of term. Although we continue to see positive cases, public health teams have told us that we do not appear to have in school transmission, however, we continue to monitor cases and will alert you if we see any changes. Our protective measures have worked well and the vaccinations went smoothly for those that chose to have them. We continue to have LFD test kits available for students in year teams should they run out and we will send the next packs after the break for the whole school.

We are concerned about the small number of students that are bringing vapes into school and are increasing supervision around the toilets to ensure that this small minority do not have an impact on the health and wellbeing of other students. Our behaviour policy is clear that any students found with a vape, lighter, vape liquid or other smoking related items in school can be expected to be suspended from school. If these are found, no matter who they belong to, they will be handed over to the police or destroyed.

As you know we are having our non-uniform day today to support Cancer Research and mental health charities, linking to both world mental health day and the 'wear it pink' initiative. Support for these charities has come from the student body so we are hoping to raise lots of money for their causes.

Finally, I would like to wish all students and their families a restful half term.

Yours sincerely

Jo Hawkin
Headteacher