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Dear Families,

I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a happy start to 2024! One of the joys of coming back on the 8th means that we’re already halfway through January!

The pupils have all returned calm and ready to learn, and I commented on this at the end of last week. I am so proud of their ability to manage these transitions so well.

A couple of things have come up over the past week and so I’d like to offer some clarity around the following;

Uniform – All pupils need to wear their uniform with the exception of our Post 16 students, who should be in smart casual clothing (not blue jeans unless it is a Friday). All other pupils should be wearing the Rigby Hall uniform. The children all look so smart when they wear their uniform and it sets a standard for life beyond school; where the job role they enter may require them to wear one. I don’t expect fully branded uniform, just the colours to be right, for further information our uniform policy can be found on our website (www.rigbyhallschool.com – Our School – Policies – Uniform Policy). The majority of children do wear their uniform, this is more of a reminder of the expectations. Thank you for co-operating with this request.

Fizzy Drinks – I do not allow fizzy drinks in school. I don’t request just water, as I appreciate some children don’t like this and I would rather they were hydrated, so either water or squash only please.

Smart Watches – I realise these are not a cheap item and therefore I would prefer them not to be in school at all, in case they get broken or damaged. If your child wears a smart watch this needs to be in agreement with you as parent carers. However, when your child gets to school, they will still be expected to hand their phones in, turned off, so that they are unable to use the functions in connection with their smart watches. We hope you understand the safeguarding implications of this request.

Holidays During Term Time – Please try to not book holidays in term time. Whilst I try to accommodate where I can, as I understand that due to the noise and hustle and bustle of normal holiday times this



doesn't suit all of our children and their need, there is an expectation that holidays are taken in holiday times. Thank you for your support with this.

Dress Down Friday – We are continuing to do this each week for our positive mental health and well being initiative. This happens for both staff and pupils. Some Fridays we suggest a theme to join in with:

Friday, the 19th January

This Friday is our 'Harry & Charlotte' day where we remember two young people and support two charities linked to members of our local community; Harry Bennett, who passed away on January 17th 2020 aged 16, from a short illness of Leukaemia and Sepsis (you may have seen staff wearing the HB9 hoodies) and Charlotte Taylor, a young person who passed away in 2019 from cancer. A lot of our staff have close associations with these two young people and their families as they live in Bromsgrove. We ask that if you would like to show support your child can wear something red or 'sporty' for Harry, or yellow or sunflowers for Charlotte. This is only a suggestion if anyone would like to join in.

Friday 2nd February

This is NSPCC Numbers Day and your child may wear something on that Friday with numbers on if they wish.

Friday 9th February

For this Friday we ask that your child wears something purple to support Epilepsy Awareness (that actually falls on the 12th February) as we have a lot of children who have epilepsy and this shows our support to them.

Friday 15th March

It will be Comic Relief on this day and whatever that theme will be is to be decided by Comic Relief. We will let you know nearer the time if there is a theme for the day.

These above Friday dates are just suggestions of what your child may wish to wear and join in on, it is not an expectation to get involved. 'Dressing down' is the main focus for positive mental health, the themes are optional.

Afternoon Pick-Ups - We would like to kindly remind families that the end of the school day is 3.00pm. If you wish to collect your child/ren earlier than this we request that you please arrange this in advance and have received permission to do so. Thank you for your cooperation.

Other than these reminders, as we start the year, I hope that we all have a positive and healthy 2024. If you experience any issues and you need to talk, you know that I, and my team, are here to help you. No judgment, just support.

Thank you as ever for your continued support.



Tracey Smith
Headteacher

