



LINCOLN
A PRIORY ACADEMY

19th December 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing at the end of a busy and productive Module to let you know about some changes that we intend to implement at various points next year.

After the Christmas holidays we will be implementing a no mobile phone procedure in and around the Academy. This is a change from the current system where mobiles are permitted in social time. From January 2018, students will not be permitted to have their phones out at any time. We believe this will improve our climate for learning as well as reducing many of the negative aspects of social media. If members of staff see students with phones out then they will be removed and given back at the end of the day. We realise that for security reasons students may need to have mobile phones with them, but they are to be turned off and out of sight at all times. If parents need to contact their children then we ask that you contact the main reception and all messages will be passed onto students.

There is consultation with all stakeholders regarding a proposed change to the uniform from September 2018. The main reception has a sample of the proposed changed uniform and we would welcome any feedback from parents/carers. As we head towards the New Year and the weather turns colder I want to remind parents that "hoodies" are not permitted around or on the way to our Academy. If they are seen they will be removed.

It is fantastic that we have so many students that cycle to and from our Academy each day. I would like to highlight the importance of safety when cycling on the roads and ask students wear helmets and have bicycles that have good brakes and lights. . It is also important that students lock their bikes up safely in the bike sheds each day.

I would also like to stress the importance of good attendance. I am pleased to report that attendance is improving, but as the winter months continue it is crucial, where possible, that students attend school. There is plenty of research that correlates good attendance with better performance at school.

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and New Year and thank you for your continued support in working alongside our Academy.

Yours sincerely

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