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# Parent Communication 11.10.24

## Dear Parents/ Carers,

It has been another busy week. I hope you all received the additional communication that was sent out on Wednesday, which included information about the PTA and reading and included the information from the parent/ carer curriculum events that took place last week.

## Entrance and Exit changes

Thank you for your understanding with the change to entry and exit arrangements, whilst we have been developing the fencing in part of the school. We are looking to maintain this approach to entrance and exits until at least the end of term whilst we review how this can work most effectively moving forward.

## **Medication in school**

Please be aware that all medication for students must be given to the front office and a form filled in in order for this to be administered. Please do not give your child any medication for them to administer themselves, even if this is just Calpol.

## **Pastoral support**

If you feel you need any additional support with your child's behaviour at home, understanding their diagnosis further, strategies that may be useful, attendance or anything pastoral, please contact the school on the emails below:

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## **Events at school**

## E-safety information evening with the Pastoral team – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 4-5pm

The London Grid for Learning (LGfL) has released a new resource aimed at helping parents navigate online safety for their child. We understand that parents have busy lives, and it is



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not always feasible to maintain a grasp on advancing technologies. Particularly when those technologies might not be aimed at parents age demographic, but their children's age brackets. Therefore, we would like to invite you to an evening where you can get familiar with topics such as social media, gaming, and online harm; and how to increase online safety for your child.

# End of term

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October we have planned for WOLT to come into school and set up their climbing tower, where we will have a whole range of challenges. We thought we would also use this day as a fundraiser for the school, where students can come in non-school uniform if they bring in a pound. We hope that this will be a great way to finish off the term and celebrate what has been going on so far.

## Secondary class groupings

We are currently undertaking a review of secondary class groupings to ensure that all students are in the right place to most effectively support their learning and development. Where we have identified changes that will be positive for students we will be in contact before the half term break to communicate any proposed changes and how this will be transitioned.

To ensure that all students have the best chance of being in groups of students with similar learning approaches and similar learning needs, we have considered the class groupings and decided on a series of classes based upon the primary need with regards effective education. It does mean that there will be some significant changes at October half term, and we will be letting all KS3 and KS4 parents know of the changes and how they may affect each individual student.

# Safer use of computers in school

We are very lucky this year to have a specialist computing teacher in school to support learning, development and understanding of computing.

We are therefore working with students to ensure that students use their time on school computers for educational purposes, such as accessing learning resources, completing tasks, and participating in class activities. However, some students have been using the computers



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for games, videos, and music during lesson time, which can be distracting and affect both their own learning and that of others.

We kindly ask for your support in reinforcing this message at home by reminding your child that the computer is a learning tool in the classroom. Encouraging them to use it only for school-related activities will help them stay focused and make the most of their learning time.

## Ready, Respectful, Safe

As part of our planned changes to the behaviour policy from Monday we will be trialling a Ready, Respectful and Safe Dojo points system. Your child should have been informed of this in tutor this afternoon with a breakdown of our expectations.

Each student will be awarded an RRS score every lesson ranging from RRS 3 – RRS 9

Students can score either 1, 2 or 3 in each category – Ready, Respectful and Safe (These will be logged and monitored through Dojo, therefore as parents you can see how your child is doing)

Ready	1 – I have not been Ready for the lesson (i.e. less than 50% of the time)
	2 – I have inconsistently been Ready during the lesson
	3 -I have been <b>Ready for <u>the majority</u> of</b> the lesson (90% of the time)
Respectful	1 – I have not been Respectful during the lesson (i.e. less than 50% of the time)
	2 – I have inconsistently been Respectful during the lesson
	3 - I have <b>been Respectful for <u>the majority</u> of</b> the lesson (90% of the time)
Safe	1 – I have <b>not been safe</b> during the lesson(i.e. less than 50% of the time)
	2 – I have <b>inconsistently been safe</b> during the lesson
	3 - I have been <b>Safe for <u>the majority</u> of</b> the lesson (90% of the time)





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The minimum a student can score for each lesson is 'RRS 3' and the maximum is 'RRS 9'.

The RRS desired behaviours are a generic overview which is tailored for the individual student based on their needs e.g. if a student is working towards 20 minutes of active learning, then their RRS expectations should be reflected accordingly.

It would be great if you are able to check on Dojo how your child is doing and have reflective and encouraging conversations with them regarding their behaviour and, of course, praise them for when they are doing well. If you have any concerns or queries with your child points, please do not hesitate to contact their tutor in the first instance.

## Wiltshire Outdoor Learning Trust (WOLT) - reminder

WOLT are running a number of events over the holidays. For information about these see below.





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# Key dates

## October

- Black History Month
- ADHD Awareness Month
- **14**<sup>th</sup> –**20**<sup>th</sup> **October** Recycle Week
- Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October World Food Day
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October E-safety evening in school
- Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October Vaccinations in school
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October WOLT celebration event in school/ Non School uniform
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October Last day of term 1
- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October PTA pub quiz

#### November

- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November First day of term 2
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November join us for our Armistice Day service of Remembrance and coffee morning hosted by Primary

#### December

• Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Last day of term 2