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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the final weeks of the academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to share a number of important updates and reminders as we prepare for the end of term and look ahead to September.

With further periods of warm weather forecast for next week, we have reviewed our arrangements to ensure that students remain comfortable whilst continuing to maintain the high standards of presentation that we expect.

For the remainder of this term, blazers and jumpers will be optional and students are not required to wear them. All other aspects of our uniform policy remain in place, including the expectation that students wear their school shirt, tie and other uniform items correctly.

As always, we encourage students to stay well hydrated by bringing a refillable water bottle to school each day. We will continue to monitor the weather forecast and make any further adjustments should these become necessary.

Whilst these temporary arrangements are appropriate for the warmer weather, I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers of our School Uniform Policy in readiness for students' return in September. Wearing school uniform is an important part of our school culture and reflects the high standards and sense of pride that we expect from all members of our community.

Please take a few moments over the summer to familiarise yourself with our Uniform Policy, which can be found here in the [Uniform section on NLS website](#). Your support in ensuring that students return in full and correct uniform at the start of the new academic year is greatly appreciated. We also always welcome any donated uniform items including ties, so if you have any items which are outgrown or no longer needed then this can be dropped off at reception. Likewise we have a range of pre-loved uniform should parents need to swap or re-stock.

I would also like to thank parents and carers for the support you have shown following the introduction of our updated Mobile Phone Policy.

Since we relaunched this at the start of June we have received a great deal of positive anecdotal feedback from both staff and parents, with many commenting on the positive impact the new arrangements have had on the culture of the school. In particular, we have seen students engaging more positively during social times and have experienced noticeably calmer and more settled starts and ends to the school day.

This successful implementation has only been possible through the collective efforts of students, staff, parents and carers working together to support the changes. Thank you for taking the time to discuss the policy with your child and for your continued support in reinforcing our expectations.

Whilst we will continue to monitor the operation of the policy when students return in September, we do not envisage making any changes to the revised arrangements.

Finally, as we prepare for the new academic year, we will be reminding students of the change in entrance and exit points they should use from September.

As in previous years, these arrangements follow our established Year Group 'roll-up' system and are designed to support the safe, orderly and efficient movement of students at the beginning and end of the school day. Students who have existing access arrangements to use the Front Gate will continue to do so.

Year 7: Lillington Road Gate

Year 8: Park Road Gate

Year 9: Lillington Road Gate

Year 10: Park Road Gate

Year 11: Front Gate

Years 12 and 13: Front Gate

Thank you, as always, for your continued support throughout the year. It has been another fantastic year for our community and we are grateful for your ongoing commitment to supporting the high standards and expectations of our students.

Yours sincerely

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