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PARENT BULLETIN

This bulletin will allow us to give updates for parents all in one place. The links will take you to relevant updates/letters for your child's year group or to websites to locate information which you might find useful.

Re-opening Update

We were so pleased to welcome children back on Monday and the way they settled back to learning, having been away from their usual classroom lessons, is a credit to them. We are mindful that these continue to be unsettling and difficult times for pupils, staff and parents. However, through working together so positively over these recent weeks we have demonstrated just how much can be achieved as we continue through the terms ahead.

Uniform

What is normally a quiet time of year for the schoolwear industry, our uniform supplier SWI has received a high volume of orders as schools prepared to return after a long break. SWI have assured us that although their team are operating increased working hours to pack and despatch orders as quickly as possible there may be potential waiting times on deliveries.

If you have any queries regarding any uniform items, please contact the customer service team who will be happy to help:

Tel: 01928 752 610 - Monday to Thursday - 8.30AM to 5PM, Friday - 8.30AM to 3PM

Email: customerservice@swi.co.uk

Please may we remind you that pupils should be attending school, on their timetabled uniform day, wearing their correct PE kit (other than Nursery pupils) with their school blazer over the top. You can find the school uniform guide [here](#). Pupils may bring a hoodie or wear plain dark joggers when the weather is very cold.

School trainers must **not** be worn in the school hall for dance or gymastics and we would ask that your child has black school pumps for indoor PE lessons.

Parents' Evening

Thank you to all those parents who have booked their parents' evening appointments via MCAS. We have extended the bookings until midnight this evening for anyone who has yet to book their appointment. Please [click here](#) for the details. Please contact the office if you are having any problems with booking.

School Menu

The Spring school lunch menu can be found [here](#).

Year 6 Transition

We appreciate that parents and pupils are anxious to know the arrangements for transition to secondary school. However it would be remiss of us, in the current circumstances, to make any particular assurances on specific arrangements whilst we are still under the current restrictions. We hope that, as the end of the year nears, that we will find ourselves in a much different position and be able to offer a much more 'typical' transition experience, much as we have in previous years. However, please feel certain that whatever activities we are able to undertake, the staff at TGPASJ, TGAS and the other secondary settings our pupils are planning to attend in Year 7 will continue to work closely together to support each and every pupil to move confidently into their next school placement. As soon as we have a clearer plan on what this looks like, we will communicate this with our Year 6 families. Thank you for your continued patience and understanding.

MCAS On-Line Booking System

The on-line booking system for Breakfast/Afterschool and paying for school dinners is now 'live'. Many have successfully booked and paid for childcare sessions and we thank you for your patience whilst resolving any issues that we have come across. The dinner money balance transfer from ParentPay to MCAS is still unfortunately proving to be a technical issue. We are hoping to resolve this as soon as possible and will notify you when the dinner money balances (if you have any) move across to your child's account to avoid any confusion.

Should you pay for childcare using vouchers or National Savings, please send an email to finance after paying the childcare provider to :-

remittance@tgacademy.org.uk or payments@tgacademy.org.uk

1. Childs Name
2. Parents Name
3. which School
4. amount paid
5. which service/club this is paying for
(ie: breakfast club / afterschool club / school visit)

This is to avoid the whole payment being allocated to one service/club.

Covid-19 Advice

Please may we remind you of the guidelines in relation to Covid-19 which may be found [here](#).