



CRESTWOOD
COMMUNITY SCHOOL

KDS/JSS

3 September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Feedback from Day One

It was so lovely to see all the students back in school today. We feel the day went really well on both campuses and on the whole things ran very smoothly. However, after observing how the day ran, on both campuses, there are just a few areas I need to adjust and clarification of the school systems and processes, as follows -

Year 7 consent forms and the school payment system

- When Year 7 students came in for their tutor appointments in the last week of term, parents were given a welcome pack which included some forms that needed to be completed and returned.
- One of these is the biometric information form. Permission is needed from parents for us to take a biometric image of your child's fingerprint which we use in our canteen.
- You will be receiving information in the next few days on how to login in to our school payment system, Tucasi or Scopay. Many of you may have already used this system in the past to pay for school trips etc. You can load money onto your child's lunch account using a debit/credit card.
- We want to avoid taking cash in school as much as possible, but if your child needs to pay by cash, they should visit the main school office on their campus. If you send in cash, please put it in an envelope with your child's name, tutor group, amount and what the money's for on the front of the envelope. This should be posted in one of the safes on campus. These are situated in reception and main school offices on both sites.
- If you do not have these forms, please email justine.sayers@crestwood.hants.sch.uk and she will make sure you get a pack.
- If you have forgotten your login for Tucasi, please email karen.gibson@crestwood.hants.sch.uk.

Shakespeare Campus - changes to entering/exiting the school

- Students in 10sCSK and 11sRED should now enter their tutor rooms via the main school reception.
- At the end of the day, ALL students should exit the school gates by the church. As years 10 and 11 leave at 2.35pm, they will be off the school premises by the time the other year groups leave, so key stage bubbles will not cross.
- Any student with a bike should collect it, walk it through the crescent and exit via the church gate. Bikes should not be ridden through the school.

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- There is a designated bike shed for KS4 students inside the school grounds. This morning a lot of students were locking their bikes to the church gate outside of the school grounds. This is not secure and we cannot guarantee that any bikes left there will be safe. Please make sure your child is aware of this.

Cherbourg Campus - changes to entering/exiting the school

- Years 10 and 11 should exit the school via the Chestnut Avenue gate.
- Years 7, 8 and 9 should exit via either the Cherbourg Road or Chestnut Avenue gate, whichever is closer to where they live.
- Any child in the SEMH provision, or children who have arranged transport home through Hampshire County Council, will meet their taxis within the school grounds.

School Lunch

- We have encouraged parents to send their child in with a packed lunch, however we feel that a significant proportion of our free school meals children did not take their entitlement today.
- If your child is entitled to free school meals, please take advantage of it. If you think your child may be entitled but you are not sure, please email alison.samways@crestwood.hants.sch.uk for further information.
- There is plenty of food available for any students who would prefer a school lunch rather than a packed lunch.
- We are also providing fruit and breakfast bars in tutor groups in the mornings now, so no student should go hungry throughout the day.
- Can I remind parents that students should be provided with their own water bottle to bring into school and fill up during the day. No fizzy drinks should be brought into school.

Uniform

Although the majority of our students looked very smart today, there are a few things I would like to remind parents of.

- No facial piercings are allowed, except one pair of stud earrings. Retainers are also not allowed in school.
- No rings, bracelets, necklaces etc should be worn. The only jewellery allowed is a pair of stud earrings and a watch.
- We have had quite a few students with bright hair colours today. Can I remind you that hair should be a natural colour and suitable style for school.
- Nail extensions are not allowed. Nails should be natural coloured and of a sensible length.
- A light natural daytime makeup is acceptable for those who wish to wear it. Bright colours, heavily applied makeup and false eyelashes are not acceptable.

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Face Masks

We have maintained the stance that face masks are optional for students. However, they must be plain and students must have a plastic bag to put their mask in when they are not wearing it. They do not need to be worn outside, however, we know that some students feel more comfortable wearing them. If we feel they are being inappropriately used, we will contact parents.

PE Kits

- Your child will have received their timetable today. If they have PE period 1, they should wear their PE kit into school and change into their uniform for period 2.
- If they have PE period 4, they will be allowed to come home in their PE kit.
- The majority of PE lessons will take place outside, as per the guidance, regardless of weather conditions. There is the expectation that all students will be required to participate in PE.
- Please make sure your child has the right kit. Black tracksuit bottoms or lycra leggings are acceptable and the sweatshirt does not have to be logoed - a plain coloured black or dark coloured PE sweatshirt is fine. The only compulsory part of the PE kit is the PE t-shirt.
- If your child wears black leather trainers for school, they should have a separate pair of trainers for PE.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me. I thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

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