



8<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

As we draw to the end of the Spring term at Etone College, I wanted to place on record my thanks for all of your support during what has been an extremely busy term. Our success is all about partnerships and working together for the benefit of our pupils.

**Pupils return on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 8.45am prompt.**

Please find below a few reminders as we approach the final term of this academic year.

### **Uniform**

Uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of our school and helps to create a sense of pride and belonging. All pupils must wear full college uniform on the way to and from school.

Our uniform requirements are as per below:

- Blazers should be worn at all times but can be removed in the event of hot weather.
- Shirts should be tucked in and top shirt buttons must be fastened with the tie showing a minimum of six stripes.
- A plain black v neck jumper, containing no logo or branding, is optional in the winter.
- Plain black tights (not patterned).
- **Formal black school shoes (which can be polished) should be worn – no trainers, sports branded footwear, canvas pumps or boots.** Shoes should be **plain black only.**
- Only standard full length school trousers are permitted. No jeans, skinny/fashion style trousers, turn ups, ankle grazers or cropped trousers
- Etone College branded school skirt only (knee length)
- A plain coat (without graphics, slogans etc.) can be worn outdoors only – **no hoodies or tracksuit tops are permitted.**
- No extreme hair fashions or brightly coloured/dyed hair. Short haircuts **MUST** be grade 2 or above. There should be no tramlines or shaved eyebrows.
- Only pupils in Key Stage 4 are permitted to wear **subtle** make-up. Key Stage 3 pupils should not wear any at all.
- False nails/gel nails are not permitted due to health and safety reasons and will be removed.
- False eyelashes are not permitted.
- Pupils are allowed to wear a wrist watch and one pair of gold or silver studs in the lower lobe. **These must be removed for PE lessons. No other piercings are permitted.**
- A **school bag** that will hold an A4 folder is essential. Please do not allow your child to have a large handbag for college.

**Uniform checks will be taking place after the Easter break.** Further details, as well as examples of correct and incorrect uniform, can be found on our website at [www.etonecollege/uniform/](http://www.etonecollege/uniform/). **The Headteacher's decision will be final in all matters relating to uniform, jewellery and hairstyles and pupils will be sanctioned accordingly should they not meet our expectations.**

### **Attendance & Punctuality**

Children cannot learn if they do not attend school – attendance to school is a prerequisite to learning and achievement.

School attendance has always been important as without it, even with the best efforts of teachers and schools, we cannot replace the original learning experience.



Regular attendance gives pupils the opportunity to take full advantage of all educational and developmental opportunities. When a child has irregular attendance, this can undermine the educational process, routines and wellbeing and puts them at an educational disadvantage. It places children at risk and, in some cases, can result in pupils being drawn into patterns of anti-social or criminal behaviour.

**Pupils in all year groups must be in school for 8.45am ready for registration at 8.50am.** The school gates are locked at this time and pupils must enter via the late gate where they will be recorded as being late by our attendance co-ordinators. Heavy traffic is not accepted as a reasonable excuse. A pupil who arrives after 9.30am without a valid reason will be recorded as 'U' on the register (unauthorised lateness).

**Should your child be late, their name will be recorded on a late gate spreadsheet and a text will be sent to advise that they have a 20 minute detention after school.** Persistent punctuality issues will be followed up with a punctuality report and parental meetings.

We take attendance and punctuality seriously at Etone College and we urge you as parents/carers to give this matter the priority it deserves. By choosing Etone College, we will give your child the best possible education and regular attendance is an absolute requirement.

### **Mobile Phones**

We are a mobile phone free site for pupils in Years 7-11. Should your child choose to bring a mobile phone to school, we do not accept liability for any loss or damage caused.

Whilst I recognise that you may want your child to carry a mobile phone for peace of mind when travelling to and from school etc, if it is seen or heard, before, during or after school (whilst on school site) it will be confiscated immediately and will be stored in the school safe. On the first and subsequent confiscation, should there be one, pupils are allowed to collect their phone from reception at 3.00pm. If your child's phone is confiscated for a third time within the academic year, you, as Parent/Carer will be asked to collect it from the main reception.

### **Travelling to and from school**

We have received a number of complaints from members of the public concerned about the safety of our pupils who travel to and from school via bike. We have received reports of pupils cycling the wrong way round the one way system, pulling out into the road without looking and also pupils carrying passengers on their bike. The last thing we want is for one of our pupils to be seriously injured.

**If your child travels to and from school via bike, please remind them of the Highway Code and ensure that they have the relevant knowledge and skills to ride proficiently. It is your responsibility to ensure that your child's bike is roadworthy and we recommend that they wear a helmet. When pupils arrive on site, they should ensure that their bike is placed into the secure bike store and a lock applied.**

Thanks again for your continued support and I hope you all have a good Easter break.

Yours faithfully



**Mr I Smith**  
**Headteacher**