

St. Crispin's School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a restful break.

This week I have been giving assemblies to all year groups on the importance of resilience and how sometimes, we all need to find that extra bit of strength to get us through. I think this is particularly pertinent for those students in Years 11 and 13 as they edge ever closer to their external examinations. I can see how much focus, dedication and hard work they are putting in and I wish them well over these next few weeks.

I am most grateful to those of you that responded to our consultation on the length and structure of the school day. This feedback has been very useful and will inform our final decisions which I hope to share with you later this term.

On the theme of consultation, and following conversations with our whole school community, we recognise that our toilet procedures need reviewing. For the final half of this school year, we will be trialling a new system whereby each toilet block will be assigned to a year group and this will be the toilets they use at all times during the school day. We hope this new approach will be a success and so will continue into next academic year.

In addition, starting with immediate effect, with the aim to improve standards, our prefects will be supporting with the monitoring of behaviour in toilets. Their focus will be on:

1. Students not eating in toilets
2. Students not congregating in toilets for long periods of time
3. Monitoring the graffiti and vandalism in toilets to ensure they remain a safe and positive space for students.

Sanctions will also be given in line with our behaviour system, for those students who are not behaving appropriately in this area of the school. We would appreciate your support in reiterating these messages at home. Thank you.

Finally, we have been working with Thames Valley Police over the past 12 months to review and implement a new safer schools' partnership. As part of this, we proposed that the Wokingham Schools Officer regularly visits the school site to engage with students, build strong relationships and answer any questions they may have.

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This has been agreed and we are delighted to share that the newly appointed officer will be attending site regularly, particularly during break and lunchtime to engage with our young people and understand any concerns they have with regards to the local community. He will also be meeting with Mr Blyth fortnightly to discuss current trends within Wokingham and how we can continue to ensure we have the most up to date knowledge to keep our students safe outside of school.

I hope you have a restful weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Griffiths', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr Peter Griffiths
Headteacher