



21st October 2020

Dear parents,

Operation Encompass

The school has been given the opportunity to take part in a project that will run jointly between schools and Essex Police. Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced, any domestic abuse.

Operation Encompass will ensure that a member of the school staff, known as a Key Adult, is trained to allow them to liaise with the police and to use the information that has been shared, in confidence, while ensuring that the school is able to make provision for possible difficulties experienced by children, or their families, who have experienced a domestic abuse incident. Mrs Barnes will be our Key Adult. We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our students and we believe this will be extremely beneficial for all those involved.

Windows open

Local authority advice is that good ventilation is essential if we are to manage the Covid19 virus. Therefore, although students must be in full uniform (or in PE kit on the days when they have a PE lesson), they may wish to wear more layers of clothing underneath their uniform. Students do not need to wear coats around the school: coats should be put into lockers at the designated time for each year group.

Early finish

We are constantly reviewing the operation of the new school day, and staff and students have adapted so well to the different length of lessons. As part of the review process, we have identified a small change which can be made without impacting on the expected amount of lesson time. As a result, all year groups will finish school 10 minutes earlier than they do now, starting immediately after the half term break.

9th November

Please remember that, as explained in my previous letter, all students will be engaged in remote learning on this day due to the 11+ examination.

Access to school computer system

Please be aware that on Monday and Tuesday of half term there will be no access to 'remote apps' due to essential maintenance work. Students can access their email and the school VLE but will not be able to access a variety of other resources.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'AS', written in a cursive style.

Mr A Sharpe
Head Teacher