



Cardinal Pole Catholic School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back from the Christmas break. I hope that you are all renewed and refreshed, starting a new term, ready to learn with full pencil cases and reading books to hand. The school continues to focus on progress and I ask for your support in the upcoming reading assessments and re-testing.

Brexit

During this particularly confusing time of all the changes that are a foot in less than 90 days. Please see attached to this letter, details sent through from the Diocese regarding the Settlement Scheme for EU families.

Early Closure – Thursday 17th January 2019

In order to support the students with their impending reading assessments and re-testing, the school will be closing and students dismissed at **2pm on Thursday 17th January 2019.**

Uniform

As the cold weather sets in, you are reminded that your child should wear to and from school **only** the Cardinal Pole coat. Non-uniform items of clothing brought into school **will be confiscated** and your child will receive a warning, if the item returns into school for a second time then the item will be confiscated for the remainder of the half term and will need collecting by a parent/carer. If the cost of purchasing a Cardinal Pole coat is an issue, please contact your child's Head of Year, as the St Vincent de Paul Society have agreed, where need is established, to fund our school coats. All pupils must wear school shoes (plain low heel black leather shoes worn below the ankle (not suede or patent). No ankle boots/boots, including "Kicker" boots. No trainers or shoes which look like trainers. Black laces only. Please could you also ensure your child has the correct school tie and wears this at all times. These can be purchased via Parentpay at a cost of £5.50 and collected from the school office once the payment has been made.

Some students have returned to school with new hairstyles and facial hair. Can I remind everyone that our policy on uniform (as stated on the website) requires hairstyles/colours to be natural and no extreme hairstyles or symbols cut into the hair or eyebrows and no facial hair. Please note that the school's uniform policy also states that there is to be no facial hair for students in years 7-11.

Mobile Phones

Can I remind parents that mobile phones are not allowed in school. They are not only a distraction to learning but also make students vulnerable to mugging on the streets. To ensure their safety, all students are required to go straight home after school and not remain in the local area in school uniform. Students involved in incidents outside of school will receive sanctions.

Half Term and Key Dates

Please note the following key dates for this half term:-

Thursday 10 th January 2019	:	Year 11 Parents' Evening – 4.30pm-7.30pm.
Thursday 17 th January 2019	:	Early Closure for students at 2pm.
Thursday 31 st January 2019	:	Year 10 Parents' Evening – 4.30pm-7.30pm.
Thursday 7 th February 2019	:	Year 7 Parents' Evening – 4.30pm-7.30pm.
Monday 18 th – Friday 22 nd February 2018	:	Half Term.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Ms P Whyte
ASSOCIATE HEADTEACHER



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