To: All Parents / Carers

11th June 2021

Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome back to the last half term of the current academic year. We do hope that families were able to enjoy the change in weather during the holiday.

There are many activities and events which usually take place during this half term including Sports’ Day but we are awaiting the outcome of the government’s decision on the roadmap release before final plans are put in place. We will, of course, inform families as soon as it is possible to do so and thank you for your patience and understanding.

**Celebrating our Diversity – Non-Uniform Day**

As the Euro 2020 Football Tournament begins (1 year late) we thought we would join in with the celebrations by inviting the children to wear clothes in the colours of their favourite football team or a country that is important to them. This does not have to be a football kit (but can be), simply colours that represent their chosen team or country. This will take place next **Friday 18th June** and we suggest a voluntary donation of £1, which will be used towards activities in school that celebrate the diversity of our community.

**THC Drug Letter Reminder**

Mrs Cox informed parents earlier in the week of the potential of drugs circulating in the local area. As these drugs have been made to look like a packet of sweets we thought it was important to let you know so that you can safeguard your children in the community.

If you or your child are offered anything contains ‘THC’ please do not accept it but inform the police and the school so that we can ensure the safety of our wider St. Jérôme community. They come in a variety of coloured packets and shapes.

**Lateness**

In line with the school’s attendance policy we continue to monitor lateness for school as this impacts each and every child’s education. Children who arrive late cause disruption in the class where children are already focussed on learning. Families whose children have lost significant education time due to lateness received a letter before half term to remind everyone that the school doors are open from 8.30am each morning until 8.55am. This allows a significant period of time for children to arrive at school making allowances for morning delays and traffic problems.

Punctuality is a life skill endorsed from an early age and we are grateful that the vast majority of our children arrive for school on time. We thank each of you for your ongoing support with this vital element of your child’s development.

**Uniform**

As we approach the end of the academic year you may be thinking about replacing school uniform. In response to the pandemic our uniform stockist (Pullens) are operating an appointment system so we strongly advise that you make a convenient appointment at the soonest opportunity via:

<http://www.uniform4kids.com/pages/pullens-stanmore-appointments->

Full details of our uniform are on our website and it should be noted that many items can be bought from high street retailers but items with school logos will need to be purchased directly from Pullens. During term time online orders can be delivered directly to the school free of charge.

As your child grows out of their uniform the school is happy to receive any ‘good quality’ items to include in future ‘pre-loved’ uniform sales. We would be grateful for any washed items to be donated via the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Revd Daniel Norris

Executive Headteacher