



12 December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

School Updates and Information

I am writing to provide you with important information regarding some changes that we are implementing at the start of the Spring Term, which starts on Wednesday 3 January 2024. We believe that the changes we are making will further improve the experience for everyone within our school community and continue to raise our CORE expectations.

Morning Entrance to School

We will be asking all students to enter school at the start of the day through a single point of entry - **This will be the ECO gate entrance.**

Our rationale for this approach is that there is limited space on our site for students to enter safely and securely, as this is also an entry point for cars. It is often a very busy area of the school and we believe that it will be safer and more effective for students to enter through the ECO entrance.

This will mean that students that enter school through Wren's Gate will need to walk around to the front of the school to enter. This new approach will come into effect on **Monday 18 December**, when staff will be present to support students with this change.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parent/carers that the expectation is for students to be in school by no later than 8.35am, ready to start their school day at 8.40am.

Uniform Support Hub

We are a uniformed school, of which we are very proud. One of our CORE expectations is ensuring students are organised daily in having the essential equipment, wearing their uniform correctly and are punctual (to school and to lessons). We recognise that there are a wide range of reasons and sometimes barriers as to why students are not wearing the correct uniform and we will endeavour to support students and families through our newly established uniform support hub, which will be based next to the ECO entrance. Our aim is to support students as they enter school in the morning in addressing any dress code issues through the hub. This will be communicated with the student on entry to school and the parent/carers using Class Charts. This support will be in place from Wednesday 3 January 2024.

Class Charts – Positive Points Rewards Store

At the beginning of the year, we launched Class Charts. So far we have seen 187,793 positive points awarded to our students in recognition of positive behaviours such as conduct, organisation, respect, effort, kindness, work ethic, ambition, attendance and home learning.

We are delighted to share that we are now in a position where we will be launching our Class Charts Student Rewards Store, which will come into effect on Wednesday 3 January 2024. This will allow students to exchange their positive points for tangible rewards. We would like to thank the student leadership team who have made a significant contribution in establishing the Rewards Store.

Students will be able to exchange positive points for items such as a chocolate muffin/cookie, a Galley Fast Pass, a book token or making a donation to a chosen charity. We will be sharing further information with the students during an assembly on Tuesday 19 December 2023.

I continue to ask you for your support and commitment in ensuring that your child/ren have high levels of attendance; that they conduct themselves safely, appropriately and follow instructions; are organised daily in having the essential equipment; wear their uniform correctly and are punctual (to school and to lessons). We also ask for your support in reminding students of the importance of demonstrating kindness by respecting others and their environment, and being willing to apply great effort and hard work.

We will be communicating our refined CORE approaches to our students between now and the end of term. On Tuesday 19 December we will be delivering some key messages and information through assemblies and supporting students with the changes during the last two days of term – Monday 18 and Tuesday 19 December.

Thank you for your continued support of Plymstock School.

Yours faithfully,



Alan Yendell
Headteacher

