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Dear Parent/Carer

We hope this year will be a fantastic learning experience full of lots of different activities. We welcome Mrs Silva-Pita to the reception office and Mrs Crompton, who takes up the position Year Manager for Year 9. Our thanks go to Mrs Frost who filled the post in the interim period. We also say farewell to Mrs Armstrong, who taught PSHCE, Child Development and Health and Social Care; we thank her for her contribution to Kepler and wish her well for the future.

Some reminders

School gates open at 7.45am for breakfast club and learners should be in school by 8:25am. The register is taken at 8.30am, registration must be taken during a specific time range and therefore learners need to be punctual to school; failure to do so will result in sanctions, including detention. Learners arriving late after the register has closed, receive an absence mark for that morning,

Holidays and absence from school

It is important that every child attends school daily. Every day and every lesson counts. Holidays and occasional days off for family outings and visits will not be authorised and parents could be liable for a penalty notice via the Local Authority if they insist on taking holidays during term time. Please try and book medical appointments (including dental appointments) after school or during the holidays.

Planners

This year we took the decision to make planner compulsory for Year 7 and optional for all other year groups. This will be reviewed regularly and if you feel strongly that we need to re-introduce them as a compulsory element of equipment, please do let your Year Manager know.

Learning At Home

We would always encourage families to share activities at home to support school work. We endeavour to work together to provide the best education for your child. Please support your child daily with reading, writing, maths and other independent learning that is sent home in all year groups. Independent learning is essential to consolidate what they have learnt during the day, completing set homework or finding out about the topic they are studying. On average, learners should be completing two hours of independent study per night, after school.

Mobile Phones

Learners are not allowed to use mobile phones in school, mobiles need to be turned off while in school. If any phones are seen, they will be confiscated. Parents will then need to collect the mobile phone at the end of the school day from the reception.

Uniform

We are extremely proud of our new uniform and thank learners and parents for the overwhelming support. Please ensure all uniform is named clearly to prevent loss. In terms of wider uniform issues, stud earrings are acceptable but hoops are not allowed. Shoes must be black and formal and free from colourful logos or trademarks. We would like all learners to look smart and ready for 'work' and

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so hairstyles should be appropriate. If learners fail to adhere to the uniform rules, they may be isolated until the correct uniform is worn.

New Build

As you may see from the site developments, BAM Construction have made a great start to our future new build. The new build is due to be completed by the end of this year.

Sixth Form

This term, we will be submitting our proposal to expand the school to accommodate a sixth form to the DfE, which is another exciting phase for Kepier.

Finally, I want to thank you for your ongoing support. We value your feedback and strive to give the very best education possible for your child. This has to be in partnership with yourselves. If you would like to discuss your child's education further or ways in which you feel we can improve further, please do contact your Year Manager in the first instance.

I look forward to meeting you at the next Kepier event or parents' evening.

With every best wish for the year ahead,

Nicola Cooper

Principal