



16th June 2025

Dear Parents & Carers

Hotter temperatures

As the weather is predicted to be warmer over the coming weeks, I would like to advise you that blazers will be optional for the remainder of this term, although all other uniform expectations remain the same.

We encourage all students to bring a refillable water bottle to school and to use their breaktime and lunchtime to refill these at the water fountain points in each zone in order to remain hydrated. However, students should not wait until the warning bell to do this. It is not acceptable to miss vital learning as a result of not being organised to refill a water bottle. Similarly, we encourage students to apply sunscreen to avoid burning in the sun, as well as avoiding over-exerting themselves exercising when it is really hot. It is important that students take personal responsibility for their health and wellbeing by remaining hydrated, avoiding burning and heatstroke. Please take some time to talk this through with your child in support of all students remaining well and able to maximise their learning in the hotter weather.

Year 11 & Year 13 students

We are at the stage when nearly all Year 11 and 13 student are finishing or have finished their exams and I want to take this opportunity to wish them all the very best for their very well deserved extended summer break and their results later this summer and to commend them on their focus and excellent conduct through what we all know is a stressful time for them.

Assemblies – School Community

Last week I led assemblies for all year groups, this was focused on reminding students that while our routines and habits give us structure to make the right decisions and support success in school, there will always be times when that structure does not indicate the right thing to do. I stressed that it is in these moments that our values guide us as to the right thing to do. Our school values are courage, commitment and kindness and I outlined how these should guide us to have the courage to speak out and challenge what is not right, the commitment to give 100% effort to what we do and to always choose kindness.

I shared a great example of how some of our Year 7 students did precisely that and supported a very worried parent who lost their child at the gate by making the decision to support in finding and reuniting them. It is important to note that doing the right thing, even when no-one is watching is also something that shows integrity and positively impacts upon our school and wider community. While the majority of Warlingham School students do this everyday, they are sometimes let down by a smaller group of students who sadly tarnish the reputation of them and the school by acting anti-socially in our school community. I wanted to firstly, ask for your support in reinforcing these values guiding your child's actions both in school and out, in order that they contribute positively to our school and wider community. Secondly, to thank those that already do this for the positive impact that your children have on our school and wider community. While I have shone a spotlight on a group of Year 7's, these kind and responsible actions are actually very common for Warlingham students.

Finally, I want to reassure you that we will work hard with parents, the local community and where applicable the police, to tackle the anti-social behaviour that undermines the reputation of the vast majority of students in our community.

Punctuality and attendance

It is important to keep focussed on this as there is still a lot of learning to undertake this half term. Punctuality has been improving, but there are still too many minutes of crucial learning lost. We are exploring further ways in which we can improve this during this half term, ahead of the summer break. Student voice, staff voice and parental voice all show a need to improve in the calm and orderly movement of students around the school, between lessons and at the end of break and lunch and we are also exploring ways that this can be improved for the benefit of all students ensuring safe, respectful and positive behaviour in corridors and around the school.

Finally, can I ask again that you take a moment to remind students crossing the road at the end of the school day to look at the road and not mobile phones and to cross between myself (you really can't miss me in the very hi-vis with my lollipop) and one of my deputies where we are providing a safe place to cross.

Thank you as ever for your ongoing support.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Foster', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mr P Foster

Headteacher