



17th May 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Principal Open Forum 25/5/23

I am writing to invite you to a meeting with me next **Thursday, May 25th, at 3.30** in the Hall. At the meeting, I will introduce myself and talk about my plans for the school. There will be an opportunity for you to ask me questions and raise any issues that you think I should be aware of. It is my intention that there will be meetings such as this on a termly basis as I think it is important to have as open a relationship between school and home as possible. I really look forward to meeting you all.

Uniform and PE Kit

As I have said to the children several times, we are proud of our school and one of the ways we show that is through our uniform. Please can you ensure that your child is following the school's uniform policy which can be found on our website; in particular, can we remind you that trainers are not to be worn in school apart from for PE; no jewellery (including chains and necklaces) is to be worn by pupils; nail varnish is not acceptable and long hair must be tied back for safety reasons. Similarly, please ensure that the correct PE kit is worn.

Snacks and drinks

St Gregory's is a 'healthy school'. Please send your child to school with water only – fizzy drinks and drinks such as 'Prime' are not allowed and could potentially be confiscated. Drinking water is freely available in school. A number of children have been bringing snacks such as crisps and chocolate bars into school; quite apart from the health implications, this also causes litter on our playgrounds. We ask that you only give your child healthy, nut free snacks.

Attendance and Punctuality

Today, I have written to a number of parents about their children's attendance. Any attendance **below 90%** must be reported to Sandwell LEA. Please can you make every effort to get your child to school on time unless they are ill or there are other mitigating circumstances.

If you have any questions or concerns about any of the above, please contact the school.

I hope to see you next Thursday at 3.30.

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