



July 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

This academic year has been a fantastic year for us all at Finham Park 2. Our regular newsletters, available on our website, have given a flavor of all the fabulous things we have been doing during the year and the current term has been no different. This letter is to inform you of the most important information for the end of this school year and the start of next.

1. Last Day of Term Arrangements

On 20 July, students will have normal lessons period 1 & 2. After break students will have the opportunity for fun activities to end the year on a high! During this time, they will also have their rewards assemblies. **Students will be dismissed from school at 1:25pm.** Students are reminded to be in **full school uniform** on the last day of term.

2. Start Dates for the New Academic Year

Monday 3 September

- Staff Training Day

Tuesday 4 September

- Staff Training Day

Wednesday 5 September

- 8:40am **Year 7** arrive and go straight to The Refectory
- 10:05am **Years 8,9 & 10** arrive and go to mentor rooms. Students should not be on site before 9.45am

Thursday 6 September

- Normal lessons all day for all year groups

3. Important dates for the first half term

14 September - Year 7 & Year 10 photos
20 September - Year 9 & Year 10 Aiming for Success
26 September - Open Evening, school closes to students at 1.25pm
11 October - Meet the Mentor
19 October - End of Autumn half term 1
29 October - Start of Autumn half term 2
01 November - Year 7 & Year 8 Aiming for Success

Further calendar dates will be available on the school website shortly.

4. Exceptional Leave in Term Time Reminder

A polite reminder to parents: we do not authorise holidays during term time as it can have a serious detrimental effect on your child's education.

5. Changes to classes and mentor groups for next year

Every new academic year gives us a great opportunity to review our current mentor groups and classes and make any necessary changes. There is a variety of reasons for students to move but any decision will always be taken in the best interest of your child's education.



6. Uniform Reminder

Thank you for your support in ensuring our students continue to look exceptionally smart in school. We also continue to receive praise from the community on how smart Finham Park 2 students are on the way to and from school. As way of a reminder, please can you ensure your child wears:

- Black, sensible school **shoes**, with *black sole* (no coloured stitching or logos) – trainers, pumps or boots are not suitable for school, neither are heels.
- Black or grey **socks** (also white socks for girls) – coloured/patterned socks are not suitable.
- Plain black, grey or flesh coloured **tights** – patterned tights are not suitable for school.
- Plain 'School Grey' **trousers** suitable for school – fashion trousers – jean style, 'skinny' or stretch materials are not suitable for school.
- OR plain grey *knee-length* pleated **skirt** – fashion skirts – tight, short or very long skirts are not suitable.
- Plain white school **shirt**, buttoned at the neck – long or short sleeved.
- Navy and gold clip-on **tie** with college colour.
- Navy school **jumper**/tank-top with single gold stripe around neck.
- Navy **blazer** with Finham Park Logo – must be wore to school every day; this may be removed in lessons without staff permission.
- Suitable outdoor **coat** – tracksuit tops, hooded tops, leather or denim jackets are not suitable for school.
- No **hats** can be worn on school site apart from navy blue Finham Park Hats with logo.
- Only one pair of stud earrings can be worn in ears and **one small ring** is allowed – large items of **jewellery** or other piercings are not suitable for school.
- Year 10 & 11 girls – *discreet* **make-up**. No nail varnish is allowed.
- **Headscarves** should be black or dark blue.
- Only small hairclips / hairbands are allowed. No coloured or extreme hairstyles, including tram lines or very short **hair (nothing shorter than a number 2)**.
- All students need a suitable bag with all necessary **equipment** to ensure they are ready to learn (pen, pencil, eraser, ruler, sharpener, calculator, planner, and reading book).

The school is happy to support students in wearing items which relate to culture or religion. It will be appreciated that there cannot be endless arguments about dress, and *the school's decision on whether appearance is appropriate for school or not must be the final one*. Students whose appearance is not appropriate for school may be sent home and asked to change.

If students/parents are in doubt about what is suitable school wear they should consult the school website, or speak to the school office or your child's mentor or college leader.

Finally, I would like to remind you that *chewing gum* is not allowed on site.

We would both like to thank parents/carers for your continued support, and hope you have a great summer.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher

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Deputy Headteacher