



# Walderslade Girls' School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

21 December 2022

I have taken this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas. The term from September to December has been a busy one and whilst it is important to reflect and improve on what has happened in the last 14 weeks it is also a time for us as a school to move forward together.

I hope you will agree when your daughter/ward reports back to you that the last few weeks have been about structure and routine, students have been reminded about the WGS rules and how we can work together to make the school environment a positive one and an enjoyable experience for all.

Changes to staffing have been made to reflect conversations with students and parents about where we need further support to manage situations such as bullying. A new dedicated team of non-teaching staff have been recruited to ensure that there is always someone to listen to the students, investigate and feedback to the Heads of Year and Senior Leadership Team so action can be taken.

Time has been spent launching the 'red button', and we have re-written our anti bullying statement that will come out to you in early January.

School has been a buzz of activity and students learning to trust the school rules and boundaries, staff rewarding and demonstrating that boundaries go hand in hand with care. We hope you have felt this shift too. We do continue to appreciate any feedback you have, and we have listened to your concerns. Please do remain in touch with us via our facebook page, email and telephone.

## Uniform

Students are aware of the mantra I have discussed with them about looking smart to think smart. Walderslade Girls School have an extremely smart looking uniform, unfortunately there has been a recent craze for students to forgo their skirts and instead wear leggings to school. Leggings are not part of the uniform. The weather has been cold of late, but thick tights, a coat and other winter items will keep students warm. Please do not send your daughter in dressed in leggings as she will be expected to change into her skirt, or tailored school trousers.

The WGS blazer is a compulsory part of the school uniform. Too many students have arrived without a blazer. All students have been reminded that in January blazers need to be worn at all times. Students may wear their coat over the top.

Unless you have a medical note from your daughters doctor, students will be expected to wear school shoes. Please do contact the pastoral team if this is going to cause concern.



I am a firm believer in dressing smart to think smart, I hope you agree that your daughter looks smart in the full uniform outlined in our uniform policy and not these versions of a uniform that have surfaced in recent weeks.

If you are struggling to afford any of these items for your daughter in January, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will endeavour to support you in finding the correct uniform. We have a dedicated email address for support, it is called [justask@sflt.org.uk](mailto:justask@sflt.org.uk).

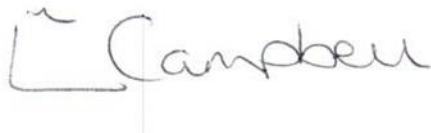
#### Structure of the day

We are in a fortunate position that some students have access to lockers. If your daughter needs to access her locker, they are available until 8.25am each day, and for the first 5 minutes of break and lunch.

School begins at line up, students should be ready to start their day by the first whistle at 8.30am. Form tutors will spend the first 5 minutes of line up ensuring uniform is correct.

I look forward to seeing all of our students return on January 4th 2023 at the usual time of 8.30am.

Please have a fantastic Christmas and a happy and healthy start to 2023. I look forward to continuing to work with all families in getting Walderslade girls back to its former fantastic position.



Mrs L Campbell

Deputy Headteacher

