



6 October 2023

Dear parents and carers

School priorities

**Routines
Retain
Revise
Retrieve**

Last week, I outlined our strapline for the year: *'Striving for excellence in all we do so that every adult and child can flourish, thrive and succeed.'*

In order to help achieve that, staff are regularly trained in how to make this happen in the classroom.

This year, we are focusing on the learning routines in lessons, and in particular how to help your child remember and use all the knowledge they are learning in lessons. We capture this in the what we call the 4Rs.

They are our 'hooks' for equipping your child to be successful in their learning in lessons, in their homework and when it comes to demonstrating what they can do in assessment and exams.

Food collection for Atherton and Leigh Foodbank

Thank you so much to those that have already provided supplies for our collection for the Foodbank. We are collecting up until Friday 13 October. We are asking both staff and students to donate a minimum of two items each. Please give what you feel you are able to and through our giving we will be a blessing to others.

Reporting home

The first set of reports will go home in the last week of this term. We are aiming for them to be available on Thursday 19 October. They will be provided to you through SatchelOne (not the SIMS Parent App).

Please make sure you are familiar with SatchelOne. You can access all your child's achievement points, behaviour points, homework set, its due date and their reports. We know that all parents have access to SatchelOne, and so we will phase out the use of SIMS Parent App during the course of this year.

We can see who has accessed these reports and it is very reassuring for us as a school to see how you are helping us ensure your child is being their personal best in school each day, or helping us to reset expectations when they are not.

School Meals

Please can you ensure that your child has sufficient funds on their SCO Pay account to pay for school meals. From Monday 9th October school will not loan pupils' money to buy food in the canteen. If you are experiencing hardship issues, please contact the school for advice on how to access support.

Thank you for your ongoing support and close working with us.

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Headteacher

CARING, LEARNING AND SUCCEEDING