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Dear parents and carers,

Annual parent survey: Thank you for responses to the annual parent survey, which closed at 4pm today. As I said last week, I read each and every response personally. I will summarise the headlines from it in a letter before we break up for the summer. What I can say is that your feedback is very positive and, as I would expect and want, there are a few themes emerging for us to consider going forward.

Sports Day kit: Last week, I mentioned that Sports Day is due to take place on Thursday 4 July (weather permitting). All students are asked to come into school that day in appropriate PE kit for the day. Following a small number of queries about this, let me clarify what is acceptable for Sports Day.

- **Leggings:** previously I said black only, but I am prepared to allow **any colour** for this day.
- **School PE shorts:** either leggings or school PE shorts. Skorts are not allowed for the day.
- **Skorts:** we found last year that these are not appropriate to wear all day, as for some they are too short for wearing in normal lessons. Therefore, we have made alternative arrangements for Sports Day, and in the PE uniform going forward from September.

There is no need for any parent to buy any new kit specifically for Sports Day. If you have any problems with your child wearing PE shorts or leggings, please contact your child's form tutor in the first instance.

Social media: We all know the benefits and pitfalls of social media. It can be used to spread good and truthful news, and be an important outlet for important news – good or bad – based on facts. When it is less helpful, is when people use it to spread inaccurate, unhelpful, and untruthful information.

For instance, a situation may require the school to rightly call the emergency services. In those rare situations, we will never fail to act appropriately or swiftly, as I think the vast majority of you would agree with us doing that, and in the context of it may be *your* child, you would *expect* us to.

For the small minority of who deem it acceptable to post images, text and inaccurate commentary, for the sake of our school community and all other parents, and for the dignity and respect of those involved, I will not hesitate in acting to report you to authorities when false news and speculation is spread. I know that I am addressing a tiny minority of parents, but nonetheless sadly it has happened.

Summer Showcase: Our Performing Arts Summer Showcase takes place on **Wednesday 3rd July from 6pm-7pm**. There will be a range of acts from music, dance and acting. Tickets for the showcase are available via SCOPAY: £2 for adults and £1 for concessions.

Thank you for all your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,
Kieran Larkin
Headteacher

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