

12 July 2024

Dear parents and carers,

Sports Day (revised date, again): Due to the heavy rain again this week, we sadly had to cancel Sports Day again. Ever hopeful that we will have a run of dry days, we will have one last attempt at running Sports Day on **Thursday 18th July**. All the previously communicated expectations around PE kit for that day remain in place.

School Uniform Donation Day: We will be holding a Uniform Donation Day on Tuesday 16th July as part of our school commitment to social action. We are asking parents and students to donate uniforms to school that families no longer require. We are hopeful that through your donations we can create enough stock to support families in our community. We would be grateful for any of the following donations:

- 'Lowton' branded uniform
- Winter coats
- Blue shirts
- PE kit

All donations must be clean and good quality. Please do not send in any ripped uniform. Please do not send any skorts into school. Staff will accept donations from students at the school gates in the morning. **As a reward for donating, students will be allowed to attend school in non-uniform on Tuesday 16th July.** We will publish details about how you can access donated uniforms in the coming weeks

Attendance: changes in the law, implications for parents: Later in this letter you will see a letter from Wigan Local Authority outlining changes to the law regarding absence from school, and the implications of increased fines and earlier issuing of penalty notices for parents. I support this increased expectation of strong attendance at school, as absence equates to lost learning and a decrease in the achievement levels of students, which impacts their life chances in the longer term.

End of term: The academic year ends next Friday on 19th July. We will have an early finish on the last day, with students being dismissed from 12.15pm. Ahead of that we have a wonderful week of end of term recognition assemblies, Sports Day (hopefully) and end of year reports. There will a final letter next Wednesday before we break up for the summer holidays. The first day back for students will be **Tuesday 3rd September.**

Thank you for all your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully,
Kieran Larkin
Headteacher

CARING, LEARNING AND SUCCEEDING