



Teddington School

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Dear Families

As we come to the start of a new academic year at Teddington School we would like to thank you for your past support in our drive to raise expectations and strengthen the school's values of responsibility, empathy, integrity, innovation and endeavour. This year we will continue to strive for excellence and embed the many positive outcomes that have enhanced the learning environment for our students at Teddington School. Our mission statement is: In our Teddington community, everything matters, at all times. Plan, Motivate, Challenge, Achieve.

We are so proud of all the students and the results in the Summer. It places us in a stronger position for our up and coming OFSTED this year.

Below, we want to discuss some of the initiatives that we are continuing to grow and embed.

Rewards

In the Teddington community, everything matters at all times. We believe that the celebration of students' successes and achievements is an integral part of everything we do, providing the opportunity for challenge and motivation. Achievement and progress in all areas of success is highly valued and we put rewards in place to inspire and recognise the outstanding achievements of our students. We reward students in some of the following ways:

Use of verbal praise

Giving of merits

Student of the week

Praise Postcards

Early lunch pass

Termly celebration assemblies

Recognition in our school publications and our online platforms

Headteacher's award

Headteacher's lunch

Trips and extra-curricular opportunities

Students will be rewarded for meeting the school behaviour expectations, outstanding classwork and or homework, excellent attendance and punctuality, demonstrating the Teddington values, contribution to community work, acts of citizenship and supporting others, as well as representing the school.

Presentation of books





The expectation is that all books are covered. This is to avoid damage to books. All students need to have their exercise books covered by the end of the first week. If some students need support with this, we will have some materials available in school.

Safety

Please do ensure that your child wears a cycle helmet if coming to school by bike and that they are proficient in their knowledge of safe road use. Bike lights will need to be used as we head towards the winter months. The way students ride their bikes in the community is paramount to their and other's safety.

Mobile Phones

No phones (including headphones) or personal electronic devices are to be seen or heard during the school day and sanctions will apply. Ms Thornley will be sending home a letter that references mobile phones in particular.

Uniform

We expect all students to come to school in their full uniform. If they are unable to do this, or refuse to adhere to our uniform policy once in school, they will be isolated from their peers until it is rectified. Throughout last year we supported students by lending uniform (especially ties) but this facility will be reduced from September to cultivate student responsibility and self-reliance. Students must wear black leather shoes during the school day. If there is a medical issue that prohibits the wearing of shoes a medical note must be sent to the school. Without a medical note students will be obliged to change their shoes. If there are any other issues concerning uniform please speak with the tutor in the first instance. Please refer to the website for further details on uniform expectations. <http://www.teddingtonschool.org/Uniform>

Equipment

Bags – we have noticed an increase in fashion shoulder / hand bags being brought into school. Students should use rucksacks for their school equipment and books as these provide proper support for their backs. Using a rucksack also means that students are able to carry all required equipment to school.

Stationery – all students must have pens, including a green pen, pencils, a calculator and ruler with them every day. Students in years 7-9 need to carry a reading book with them.

Attendance

We would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the importance of ensuring your child maintains good attendance at school to ensure that they are able to reach their full potential. To achieve a 'good' attendance record, a child must attend at least 95% of the time. If a child's attendance falls below 95% this will trigger intervention. If a child's attendance falls below 90% we may refer to the Educational Welfare Office which could result in the issue of a Fixed Penalty by the local authority. Please be aware that holidays taken during term time cannot be authorised.

Behaviour

We are proud that the over-riding majority of our students are polite and respectful in and around the school community. To develop this further, students who do not adhere to the school rules will be sanctioned at the end of the school day until 3.45pm and texts will be sent to inform parents. Students will receive centralised detentions for truancy of lessons, impolite behaviour and lateness to school or lessons.

Your support in each these areas is very much appreciated and means that our skilled teachers and staff can prioritise the education of all our students so they excel in their learning in an enriched educational environment. Please do ensure that you have downloaded the SIMS parent App to support with conversations with your children at home.



Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ms Pacey'.

Ms Pacey
Headteacher