

# THE WEY VALLEY SCHOOL

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## Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been a busy and productive Spring term and I would like to congratulate students and staff with the many positive outcomes and latest assessment results in school. I invite parents to check our website with the latest school news and Easter edition of Wey Valley in the News.

## Bicycle and Scooter helmets

It is really great to see so many of our students riding and scooting to school, it is a fabulous way to start the day and to also to wind down after a day at school.

I need to impress upon parents and carers about road safety for our students – this message will be repeated at Year Assemblies but I ask for all parents and carers to remind students to pay attention to other users on the road and when using a cycle path, to remain on the side of the road with the direction of the traffic.

I have received a small, but worrying number of concerns from the general public of silly and unacceptable bicycle use, for example, riding on another person's handlebars in the middle of the road or swerving in and out of traffic.

There is no legal requirement for students to wear a helmet whilst riding their bicycle or scooter and therefore I cannot impose a rule for students outside of school, however, from Tuesday April 23<sup>rd</sup>, students will be required to dismount from their bicycle or scooter as soon as arriving to the school grounds and to then walk their bicycle or scooter to the lock up area. This is from the entrance on Dorchester Road – therefore no cycling or scooting on site.

## Uniform

Worn correctly the uniform of the school looks very smart and professional for all of our students. If uniform items need replacing, please ensure this is done across the Easter holidays so students can return to school correctly dressed.

If students insist on wearing incorrect uniform to school, they will be sent home to correct the uniform and they will then have to make up the time they have lost in school in after school detention.



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## **Language**

There are a minority of students who believe that foul and abusive language is an appropriate means of communication – please let me assure you that it is not, it will not be tolerated in school with appropriate sanctions.

## **Attendance and Punctuality**

The Friday 100% attendance award continues to prove a success with typically 80% of the school enjoying the benefit of the early Friday departure. We are tracking attendance by student and year group and we hope to see further improvements next term. Our latest round of Achievement Assemblies acknowledged student attendance as well as progress with studies and I congratulate all our students who were rewarded with their efforts. Students can view Achievement points and attendance data through their Year Group display board.

Following some queries from parents over the last couple of weeks, I would like to clarify that the Friday attendance incentive award is for attendance every day and punctuality to every lesson and tutor time during the week.

May I wish all our students, parents and carers a restful and enjoyable Easter break and I look forward to an exciting and hardworking Summer term ahead.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C Watson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Carol Watson  
Principal