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Dear Parent / Carer

## Important 'Return to School' Information Re: Routines, Uniform and Equipment

We are very much looking forward to seeing your son/daughter back at South Dartmoor and Atrium on **Wednesday 10 March**. Having been away from school since before Christmas it will, of course, be essential that students arrive fully prepared in order to be able to engage in their lessons immediately.

All students will be expected to return to school in full uniform. Uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the ethos of an educational institution and setting the appropriate tone. This will be extremely important as we settle students back into normal school routines and expectations across both South Dartmoor and Atrium school.

I would encourage students to check now that their uniform is ready for use as students will need to be in full uniform to access their lessons. In particular, it will be important to check that school shoes fit! If you require support with any aspect of this, please do not hesitate to contact us (the earlier the better) in order that they can offer assistance.

We are aware that some students have enjoyed experimenting with unusual hairstyles during the lockdown. Please be aware that the hairstyle expectations remain as published and students must wear their hair in a manner deemed appropriate for school. In addition, there has been no change to our zero tolerance on nose and tongue piercings.

The full uniform and equipment expectations are available on the website.

Due to the COVID regulations, all classrooms must be well ventilated and may not be as warm as students would normally be used to. Consequently, may I suggest that students wear trousers or skirts with warm tights to school. In addition, up until Easter we are recommending that students continue to wear an additional garment (dark in colour) over their blazer (the garment does not replace the blazer).

We would also encourage students to re-establish any routines and schedules that may have slipped during lockdown eg early bed times and early rises; continue to encourage them to engage fully and work hard with their remote learning between now and when they return so that they do not feel overwhelmed when back in lessons.

The other thing that will be important is their physical health – please continue to encourage your son/daughter to eat healthily, drink plenty of water, get fresh air and exercise and loads of sleep. They are likely to find a full return to school tiring and strange after a long time out and whilst we will do all that we can to support them physically and emotionally – being prepared and ready for it will help enormously.

Thank you in advance for your support and understanding over the coming days and weeks. We will write with further information at the start of next week to ensure a smooth transition back to face to face learning.

Kind regards

*Dan Vile*

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