



# OMAGH HIGH SCHOOL

14 Crevenagh Road - Omagh - Co. Tyrone - BT79 0EQ

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Dear Parent / Guardian

## **FOR INFORMATION**

I would like to thank all parents for their continued support. Together, we can give your child the greatest range of opportunities and the best support to equip them to venture into the next stage of their lives. As we focus on another demanding term with assessments, coursework and subject choices to be made in years 10 and 12, it is important that we work together to meet the needs of your child. If at any time you have concerns regarding your child's progress or welfare, please contact their House Teacher in the first instance.

At the commencement of another term, I have included some items of information for you to help you as you discuss your child's progress with them, While the Covid-19 mitigations can be foremost in our minds, it is important to continue with the simple everyday matters which ensure an orderly and secure environment for everyone.

### **Parent App**

As we continually try to review and improve our home / school links, we are making use of the SIMS Parent App. The information which you are now able to access through this App is:

- Attendance
- School Reports
- Achievement Points
- Behaviour Points

This is the preliminary stage of this method of communication with parents and I hope that you will find it a useful and efficient means of receiving basic information on your child's performance in school.

### **Homework Diary**

The School Homework Diary is still a most valuable means of home / school communication. Please continue to check your child's diary at least on a weekly basis and complete the weekly signature. Any concerns regarding homework should be discussed with your child's House Teacher in the first instance.

### **Mobile Phones**

The misuse of social media is a concern for us all. In order to prevent the misuse of mobile phones in school, all mobiles must be placed in the locker each day on arrival to school. If the locker key is forgotten, then the mobile phone may be left in reception until 3.25pm and collected when going home. If a locker key is lost, replacement locker keys are available at a cost of £5.00.

Pupils found in possession of their mobile phone during the school day will have it confiscated. It will only be returned to the child's parent / legal guardian. An after school detention will be given when a mobile phone is confiscated.



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## **School Uniform**

Our school uniform is generally worn very well and with pride by our pupils. However, there are occasions when non-regulation items of clothing are worn by some. This is unacceptable. Provision has been made in the uniform regulations for cold and wet weather. Pupils should wear the regulation scarf, black outdoor / waterproof coat and school grey pullover in the cold weather.

Any non-uniform items (scarves, hoodies etc) will be confiscated. From Monday 17 January 2022 confiscated items will only be returned to the child's parent / legal guardian. An after school detention will be given when a non-regulation item is confiscated.

## **House Teacher's Report**

This is a monitoring report used at the discretion of the House Teacher to support a pupil in moderating their work effort, attitude or behaviour. A report is completed for each period in class and is reviewed daily by the House Teacher with the pupil.

## **Full Report**

This is a monitoring report with the removal of some privileges. It is a further step in the disciplinary system administered by the Pastoral Leader and is also used to help a pupil moderate and refocus their work effort, attitude and behaviour. It is usually for a period of 5 days however it may be extended if deemed necessary.

The pupil will also complete lunch time detention when placed on this report. A report is completed for each period in class and is reviewed daily by the Pastoral Leader with the pupil.

## **Inclusive Considerate Education (ICE) Classroom**

This is a further step in the disciplinary system. This classroom is used to prevent pupils from being externally suspended from school. It gives pupils time to reflect on their actions, to discuss their way forward with a member of the Pastoral Team / SLT and to complete their classwork rather than being externally suspended.

Pupils may spend one or more days in ICE.

Pupils will have break at a different time to the remainder of school but will go to the canteen for lunch after completing lunchtime detention. Pupils will also be required to complete after school detention each day that they are in the ICE classroom.

A pupil will be placed on Full Report for 5 days after having been in the ICE classroom.

I trust that you will find this information helpful.

Yours faithfully

C Gaitatzis  
Principal