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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we pass the midway point in the academic year, we have several important updates and reminders to share with you to continue to maintain our positive learning environment.

2025/26 Uniform Policy

We are incredibly thankful of our families for supporting our high standards of uniform. We are currently reviewing our uniform policy, and we would like to hear your suggestions. Your feedback is invaluable in ensuring our policy meets the needs of all students. Please submit your suggestions via the [Microsoft forms link](#) by 31.03.25.

2025/26 Term Dates

In order to support your planning for the next school year, we want to issue 2025/26 term dates to allow you plenty of time to plan any travel or special arrangements within the school holidays. Please find below the term dates for the 2025/26 academic year:

We encourage you to mark these dates in your calendar to ensure your child is present for all school days.

<u>Autumn Term 2025</u>	<u>Spring Term 2026</u>	<u>Summer Term 2026</u>
<p>Inset Day: Monday 1st September Inset Day: Tuesday 2nd September</p> <p>Term Starts: Wednesday 3rd September</p> <p>Half Term: Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October</p> <p>Term Ends: Friday 19th December at 1pm</p> <p>Holiday: Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January</p>	<p>Inset Day: Monday 5th January Term Starts: Tuesday 6th January</p> <p>Inset Day: Friday 13th February</p> <p>Half Term: Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February</p> <p>Term Ends: Friday 27th March</p> <p>Holiday: Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April</p>	<p>Term Starts: Monday 13th April May Day: Monday 4th May</p> <p>Half Term: Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May</p> <p>Term Ends: Friday 17th July at 1pm</p> <p>Inset Day: Monday 20th July</p> <p>Holiday: Tuesday 21st July - Friday 31st August</p>

Safeguarding

Our safeguarding team is dedicated to ensuring the safety and well-being of all students. If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the [safeguarding Team](#).



Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)	Mr Cole-Deputy Headteacher
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSL)	Mr Grocutt-Headteacher; Mr Meredith-Assistant Headteacher; Mrs Grosvenor-Assistant Headteacher; Mrs Williams-SENDCo; Mrs Howes-Pastoral Support Manager

School Attendance

We continue to be extremely well supported by parents and carers who relentlessly support the school attendance policy. Our excellent school attendance has further improved this academic year and continues to be a crucial factor in ensuring every child fulfils their potential. Like you, we are working hard to encourage children to come to school every single day. We can cope with colds and headaches in school and would encourage you to send your child into school if possible. If an occasion occurs and your child will be absent, please report this by following the 'Student Absence Procedure'.

Student Absence Procedure

- Please inform school before start of the school day on each day of absence. To report the reason, use ClassCharts.
- If absent, please provide evidence to support it. Evidence can be attached to ClassCharts, handed into the office in person, or emailed to office@Penkridge-middle.org.
- For planned absences, please inform the school at the earliest opportunity by emailing the school office and providing proof of the appointment.

Data Collection Forms

Our communication systems rely heavily on you providing correct and up-to-date contact information for at least three contacts. We understand changes will occur to contacts, addresses and phone numbers and kindly ask you to update your child's [data collection form](#) on such occasions. The accurate information you provide helps us create a seamless experience for families and children alike.

Mobile Phone Expectations

To maintain a focused learning environment, we remind you that mobile phones are not required for school. If a student needs to contact home, they can do so through the school office. Should any child bring a phone to school parents / carers must first complete the [mobile consent form](#) so that you are aware of our expectations as a school.

Fundraising Effort

We extend our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support for our upcoming Colour Run fundraiser. Your contributions will make a significant impact, and we are excited to use the funds to enhance our school facilities. Further details will be shared as the Colour Run approaches.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. We are proud to be Penkridge Middle School, and, with your support, we will continue to work together to ensure all children fulfil their potential.

Kind regards,

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