



Robert Smyth Academy

Dear Families,

Reminders: Uniform

As a timely reminder before the break, please note that all students will be expected to return in full school uniform and without piercings/infractions that are not acceptable. We would be grateful if parents could remain mindful that **we do not permit the following**, as per the uniform policy:

- **Nail polish or false nails**
- **Unnatural hair dye**
- **Multiple ear piercings (one single stud in each ear maximum)**
- **Nose piercings**

We will **specifically follow up on these features of our uniform policy** to ensure high standards from all:

- Blazers to be worn in school.
- Grey pleated skirt, regulation length, **on or just above the knee.**

This is in response to a small minority of students attending school without a regulation blazer or wearing skirts at an inappropriate length (i.e., not regulation length).

Back to school: Punctuality

Students should be at their Tutor Base by 8.45 am, ready for their Tutor Time session. Students who arrive late will be placed in detention for lateness on the same day.

Equipment

Please ensure your child is fully equipped with the required stationery including Whiteboard pen and boards. Please could we request your support in ensuring that your child has sufficient spare pens as part of their equipment ready for the start of the summer term.

Where can I access support while the school is closed?

During the Easter holidays families can access the following sources of support:

- **Childline:** <https://www.childline.org.uk/> or by calling **0800 1111**
- **Children's Services:** <https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/leisure-and-community/community-safety/>
- **NHS England:** Call **111** or visit <https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/>
- **Guidance on coronavirus:** <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>
- **Market Harborough Food Bank:** <https://www.harborough.gov.uk/foodbanks>

Suicide prevention

I want to remind you of the support available via Papyrus; an organisation dedicated to the prevention of young suicide. Suicide is the biggest killer of young people under 35 in the UK and every year thousands more attempt or contemplate suicide, harm themselves or suffer alone, afraid to speak about how they are feeling.

If you are the parent of a young person who experiences thoughts or feelings of this kind, then we would strongly advise that you seek an appointment with your GP and that you access the following support:

If you are having thoughts of suicide or are concerned for a young person who might be you can contact HOPELINEUK for confidential support and practical advice.

Call: 0800 068 4141

Text: 07860 039 967

Email: pat@papyrus-uk.org

I hope that you have a great Easter and enjoy the improving weather.

Yours sincerely,

D Cleary
Principal