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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for the support you have shown to the school over what has been a challenging year. Thankfully, at the end of Term 5 there is a feeling of 'normality' returning to our classrooms and school life. Children, families and staff have demonstrated resilience beyond expectation in dealing with the difficulties presented over the past year and we are grateful to all for this.

As you are aware, we have an ongoing drive for improvement at St Katherine's. As such, I would like to take this opportunity to remind all in our community of some of our basic expectations. We have seen a rise in face piercings over the past term, perhaps a consequence of mask-wearing in school. Although we have managed this in Term 5 without taking punitive action, please remember that face piercings are not permitted in school. We expect to see all children back in Term 6 without any piercings (other than a single stud in each ear if they wish). Children will be expected to remove any face piercings should they arrive with them in Term 6.

We are thankful for the support that families have offered us in our push to improve uniform and this has been particularly evident in terms of appropriate footwear in school. I first wrote home in May 2020 to remind families that trainers are not part of our school uniform; whilst there has been a significant reduction in trainers in school, we continue to see some children arriving in school in trainers - particularly Nike Air Force Ones. Next term we will again supply sanitised school shoes to any child arriving in inappropriate footwear. For clarity, shoes should be black, polishable and without any overt branding. Boots, trainers and daps are not acceptable footwear.

Children have made a concerted effort to improve punctuality to school this term and we have seen an improvement in the latter part of Term 5. However, a small number continue to arrive at school late and we seek your support in helping them to organise themselves in the morning to ensure that they are on site by 8.50 in time for registration at 8.55.

Please remember that we are here to support you and your child/children. If any aspect of the uniform policy poses a financial barrier to your family, please speak with your Head of House.

We are rightly proud of the efforts that all in our community have made to keep the school moving forward this year. The support of families, whether through the Parent Carer Association, meetings in school or the school's social media accounts has been invaluable and I look forward to working with you in Term 6 and beyond.



Best wishes.

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