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Dear Parents/Carers,

As the academic year draws to an end, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout this year.

As we already start to look towards September, we felt it is important to highlight some key information to support you in preparing your child for September, to ensure they are ready from day one.

### **Learning Habits**

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the recent survey with regards to learning habits. We read all the responses, from all stakeholders, and there was clear consensus of four key habits that everyone felt would support our community in raising the profile of our core values and support our student by equipping them with habits that will enable positive learning choices without even thinking, day in and day out.

- Wear our uniform correctly FAMILY
- Be fully equipped every day AMBITION
- Arrive on time INTEGRITY
- Be polite at all times RESPECT

It is these learning habits, that we will continue to reinforce throughout the school day, every day, in order to highlight their importance now, and in the future. In our readiness to prepare for September, there are three key areas, linked to the learning habits above, that will support your child in being ready for September.

# **Wear our uniform correctly**

We are all extremely proud to be part of The Emmbrook School, and this is why our school uniform is so important to us. It removes any form of comparable difference before learning has begun. It ensures clear equity amongst students and also shows a positive mind-set with students making correct choices in the morning, to ensure they are meeting expectations set by the school, as they will have to do by their employer later in life. All our students are expected to be wearing their school blazer, school tie, white shirt, black trousers/skirt with black footwear every day. Please feel free to look at our uniform expectations that are clearly listed on our school website.

#### Be fully equipped every day

We feel that it is imperative that our students make positive and conscious decisions ahead of arriving to school every morning, for example, putting their correct uniform on, but also, in bringing the correct equipment to school to ensure that they are ready to learn. The key equipment that is needed to support our students in being successful is: pen, pencil, rubber, ruler and scientific calculator. Each morning in tutor we will check students are fully equipped. If they are not, as a school, we will provide them with an equipment pack so there are no barriers to them accessing their learning. Students will be required to exchange their mobile phone and this will be given back at the end of the day when the pack is returned.

# **Attendance/Arrive on time**

Having an excellent attendance is still one of the single most important areas for allowing students to make excellent progress, the higher a student's attendance is, the more











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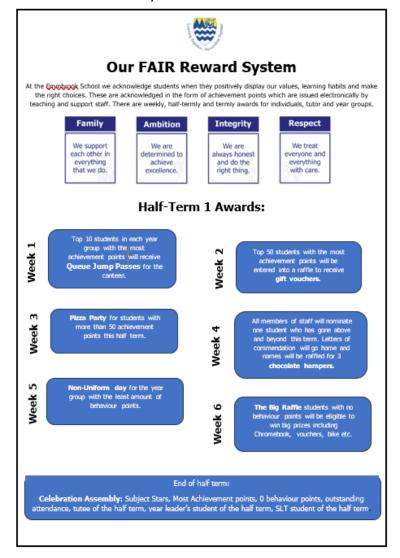
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successful students will be. Starting the year positively in regards to attendance matters, as this supports in creating positive momentum. Arriving on time, also supports students in starting the day and lessons in the correct mind-set, and we will continue to actively reinforce this through our reward and behaviour processes.

# <u>Celebrating Success – FAIR reward System</u>

From September we will be launching our new reward system where we will proactively acknowledge our students when they display our values, learning habits and make the right choices. These are acknowledged in the form of achievement points which are issued electronically by teaching and support staff. There will be weekly, half-termly and termly awards for individuals, tutor and year groups. It is important for us to recognise and reward the students who are going above and beyond day in and day out as they are role-modelling behaviours that we want our whole community to foster. This will enable us to embed a culture based around our FAIR Values which will only result in positive outcomes for all — this is what we want for our community.













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As a school we will always support our students and families so please contact your child's Year Leader if you foresee any issues with this or require any help or assistance with uniform, equipment and school resources.

Wishing you a lovely summer break.

Kind regards,

Mrs R Ridsdale Deputy Headteacher





