



Monthly Parent/Carer Update Sheet May 2017/June 2017

Year 11 PE Kits

If you do not plan on re-using your child's PE kit when they leave school in the summer, can you please hand any spare items in to the PE Office. It would be greatly received and appreciated as it will be used as spare kit.

Medical Information Request *IMPORTANT

If you have not already returned your child's Medical Details Form please could you do so as a matter of urgency. Without this, pupils will not be able to receive the appropriate medical input they may require. Please can you check your child's bag as very few forms have been returned since they were sent out.

Sainsbury's Active Kids for School 2017

Thanks to all the parents and staff who have collected the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers 2017. Stores are no longer issuing vouchers. If you have any vouchers that you have not yet handed in please can you donate these to the PE Department by 23 June 2017.

Safeguarding

Dormston School takes the safeguarding and welfare of all pupils very seriously. If you have any concerns regarding the safety of pupils at this school please report them to either Mr Dixon, Mrs Elliott or Miss Smith. Further information and guidance for parents/carers on safeguarding issues can also be found on the school website.

Medical Appointments *REMINDER

The school will not authorise medical or dental appointments unless they are supported by a doctor's/dentist's letter (a copy is acceptable) or an appointment slip or card clearly stating the appointment date and time. When a pupil needs to leave school for a medical or dental appointment, the parent/carers or child must show a letter/appointment slip/card to the Office when they sign out or when they sign in after attending the appointment or the absence will not be authorised. GP/Dental surgeries can issue appointment slips. When a pupil arrives late to school after a medical or dental appointment, a parent/carers or child must show their

letter/appointment slip/card to the Office when they sign in otherwise the absence will not be authorised.

Pupil Illness

When you report your child's absence you may be asked to provide information and discuss the symptoms that are being displayed by your child. You may then be advised whether time off is recommended or not. We are relying upon **Public Health England Guidelines**.

Exam Information Evening for Years 7 to 10 - Wednesday 24 May 2017 at 6.30pm onwards

We will be holding an Exam Information Evening on Wednesday 24 May 2017 as follows in the Theatre:

- Year 7 - 6.30pm;
- Year 8 & 9 - 7.00pm;
- Year 10 - 7.30pm.

There will be some very important information about the examination process during exam week. During the evening, we will also be talking about revision strategies in the lead up to their exams and how you are able to support your child to be fully prepared for their end of year examinations in June.

Year 10 Parental Consultation Evening - Thursday 25 May 2017

Please note that a Year 10 Parental Consultation Evening will take place on Thursday 25 May 2017. Please encourage your child to make appointments with all of their teachers so that we can provide you with valuable feedback on their progress.

May Half Term - Monday 29 May 2017 to Friday 2 June 2017

School will be closed for Half Term on Monday 29 May 2017 to Friday 2 June 2017. Pupils should return to School on Monday 5 June 2017 and will be on a Week 1 Timetable.

Pupil Leadership Tie Award Evening - Tuesday 6 June 2017

The new House Leadership Team for 2017/2018 will shortly be receiving their invitations to the tie award ceremony, which takes place on Tuesday 6 June 2017 in the Mill Theatre. Details of time and further information will follow shortly. This is a very special evening where ties will be presented to pupils along with their badge and we look forward to meeting pupils and parents during the evening.

Voting Day - Thursday 8 June 2017 *IMPORTANT SCHOOL - CLOSED FOR YEARS 7 - 10 ONLY

School will be closed to pupils in Years 7 - 10 on Thursday 8 June 2017 due to voting. Pupils should return to school on Friday 9 June 2017. **Year 11 pupils must however attend as normal.**

DEAR - Thursday 15 June 2017

We will be holding a 'Drop Everything and Read' session on Thursday 15 June 2017 during Period 3. Departments will be providing pupils with appropriate reading resources for this.

Year 7 to 10 Examinations Week - WC 19 June 2017

As preparation for your child's GCSE exams and to support their continued progress, we will be holding an exam week beginning Monday 19 June 2017. During this week all pupils will be given a summative, written exam in many of their subjects. Your child's teachers will be preparing them for their exams in the weeks preceding Monday 19 June 2017. Homework tasks will largely be revision and past papers or preparation activities. Could you please support us by ensuring that your child revises thoroughly. We are also holding a 'Revision Support Evening' on Wednesday 24 May 2017 which will give an overview of what "Good" revision should look like. As I am sure you can appreciate, the lead up to exams is a crucial time. Therefore, it is imperative that all pupils attend every day in the coming weeks. Your child will receive their exam timetable and there will also be a copy on the website/VLE. If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Oscar Awards Evening - Tuesday 27 June 2017 at 7.00pm

We will be holding our annual Oscar Awards Evening on Tuesday 27 June 2017. If your child has been invited to this event you will receive a letter inviting you to attend shortly. As always, this promises to be a great evening packed full of awards and entertainment, celebrating some of most dedicated pupil's achievement and hard work. Please note however that due to seating restrictions not all pupils will receive an invitation. Please reassure your child that if they do not get invited to this event it is not because we do not recognise their hard work and effort. The criteria for selection is very broad to encompass a range of pupils. There are only 7 awards per subject and Heads of Department spend a great deal of time deciding on their nominations with their subject teachers.

INSET Day - Friday 30 June 2017

We will be closed for INSET on Friday 30 June 2017. Pupils should return to school on Monday 3 July 2017.