Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to a new term at Uplands Manor. This letter includes some important updates for you.

Important – Communications from school
It is vitally important that you proactively check for and read information that is sent out to you from school. Moving forwards, all letters and newsletters will be sent to you by push notifications through the Schoolgateway app.

The app can be downloaded to a smart phone (iPhone/Android), tablet or internet https://schoolgateway.co.uk/

You will need to download the Schoolgateway app and register as a user. Set the notifications in your phone settings to receive push notifications. If you are not receiving emails or push notifications through the app, please contact the school office to update your details or to ask for support.

Please note:
- We will not be sending normal text messages unless it is something urgent (attendance, bubble closures etc) as this is extremely expensive for school.
- We will not be sending paper copies of letters unless it is urgent or requires a paper slip to be returned to school.

Uniform Expectations

Our school uniform is as follows:
Please note: all uniform can be purchased with or without the school logo. Free second-hand uniform can also be requested from the Dorothy Parkes Centre.

- Grey or black trousers, skirt or pinafore dress (summer term: grey shorts or a red and white patterned pinafore are allowed)
- White or red polo shirt or white shirt / blouse
- Red school jumper
- Plain grey, black, white or red headscarves
- Sensible plain black shoes (no boots, logos, white soles, sandals or jelly shoes etc.)
- Plain grey, black, white or red socks or tights (not bright colours or patterns)
- Plain headbands (no JoJo bows, flowers etc.)

Where inappropriate clothing is being worn, we will be sending home blue letters again in the summer term asking you to provide your child with more suitable alternatives.
PE Kits

Children in Year 1 to Year 5 must now come into school wearing their uniform every day. They will no longer be able to come into school wearing their PE kits. Instead, they should bring their PE kit into school in a bag that can be left in their cloakroom for the half term.

Our school PE Kit is as follows:
✓ Plain black shorts
✓ White t-shirt
✓ Black pumps or trainers
✓ Plain tracksuit bottoms and tops can be worn on top of PE kits during cold weather.

Children in Reception will not need to have PE kits in school as their physical development happens throughout every day and does not require them to change clothes.

Year 6 are able to come into school in their PE kit on their PE days. This is due to limited spaces being available for changing during COVID restrictions. On all other days, they must be wearing their usual school uniform.

PE days for the summer term are as follows:

Y1: 1C – Mondays and Fridays
     1G – Mondays and Wednesdays
     1S – Tuesdays and Fridays
     1W – Mondays and Tuesdays

Y2: 2F – Mondays and Thursdays
     2S – Mondays and Wednesdays
     2HW – Wednesdays and Thursdays
     2B – Tuesdays and Thursdays

Y3: 3I – Mondays and Fridays
     3D – Tuesdays and Fridays
     3S – Mondays and Fridays
     3M – Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Y4: 4J – Wednesdays
     4D – Wednesdays
     4B – Tuesdays
     4S – Wednesdays

Y5: 5G – Tuesdays and Wednesdays
     5DG – Mondays and Thursdays
     5E – Tuesdays and Thursdays
     5C – Mondays and Wednesdays

Y6: 6R – Mondays and Thursdays
     6T – Mondays and Fridays
     6HS- Mondays and Tuesdays
     6S – Wednesdays and Fridays

Year 4 swimming days: Tuesdays 4J and 4S; Thursdays 4B and 4D

School Dinners

Please make sure that you are pre-booking your child’s dinners on the Schoolgateway app. A lot of parents are phoning the office asking staff to book meals for their child or simply sending their child into school without a pre-booked dinner. All children, including those receiving free school meals, must have pre-booked dinners.

Any child without a pre-booked dinner will only be able to choose from a limited sandwich selection at lunchtime as the kitchen will not have been able to cater for their preferred choice. Parents are responsible for ensuring that this does not happen.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Dickinson
Headteacher