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Dear Parent

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your Son/Daughter at the start of the 2025-2026 Academic Year. Term starts for all students on Wednesday 3rd September.

I write with an update of some of our systems and reminders of others.

E-Praise

E-Praise is our online communication's platform. You will be able to see your child's attendance, reward points (merits), behaviour points (de-merits), sanctions set (interventions) and homework. E-Praise is an essential tool for staying in touch with the basics of your child's progress throughout high school.

This year we are re-launching our rewards systems. Students will now be able to use reward points (merits) and spend these in the E-Praise Shop. Shop items will range from a Weobley Pen, to skip the lunch queue vouchers, use of the sportshall at lunchtime to raffle tickets for termly draws. We are also setting up systems to increasingly recognise academic progress/excellence and recognising students who show kindness and support to others.

You will also be notified via E-Praise if your Son/Daughter receives an intervention (detention). Please note the time and date of these sanctions, which range from a breaktime or lunchtime detention to an afterschool sanction, please remind your son/daughter to attend these at the correct time. This year we are introducing a system whereby if your Son/Daughter misses more than 2 set sanctions in a half term period, an afterschool detention will be automatically set. You will be notified of any afterschool detention via E-Praise.

Buses

Being a rural school a large proportion of our cohort travel to and from school via buses. At the end of each day we are re-introducing bus rooms, where we can meet the students before checking that they are all calmly on the correct bus. We expect students to remain seated with seat belts on (other than the double decker Sargent's Service bus). Please remind your son/daughter of the importance of safe travel to and from school. Buses travel along rural roads and we want students to help to maintain safe passage for all.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phone use continues to cause schools and young people concern; you will have seen via the press that School have been asked by the DFE to take a firm stance in this regard. We have had a long-standing rule at Weobley that mobile phones are not allowed on site and that any mobile phone must be handed into the front office.



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We want to ensure that our students have a break from mobile phone use during the day and are able to focus on learning and also socialising without phones being present.

To make this easier for students this year we are introducing a number of measures:

- Students **must** hand phones into the front office on arrival at school, we do strongly advise leaving them at home.
- At 3.30 p.m. KS3 students will collect phones from the front office corridor. KS4 students from the blue corridor. Any student who travels via the Sergeants bus will collect from the canteen.
- Students will be given a clear sealable plastic bag on which to write their name, when first handing their phone at the start of term.
- Mobile phones must be turned off when handed in and not turned on again until off school site.
- We are going to be doing more regular bag checks to ensure compliance of the above. If a student is found with a mobile phone, it will be confiscated and given back at the end of the day. Any repeat occurrence will mean that parents will need to collect and we will at this point remove permission for that phone to be brought onto site.

We are also looking forward to working with parents of our new year 7 cohort, as introduced on induction evening to form a 'parents support and information group'. Huge thanks to all that have signed up, more information to follow.

Smart Watches are also not to be worn or brought into school.

Attendance

Regular attendance is vital for academic success. Each day of learning builds on the previous one, and missing school can create gaps that are hard to fill. We ask for your support in ensuring that your child attends school every day, on time. Should your child need to miss school due to illness or an unavoidable circumstance, please inform the school office as early as possible. If your child should be absent for an extended period, we will support them, in collaboration with you, to ensure that missed learning is caught up, to give them the best opportunities for academic success.

Uniform

Please see that attached uniform policy, we do try to keep our uniform as simple and cost effective as possible but we therefore do expect adherence to the policy.

Please can we draw your attention in particular to:

- 1 small stud, only in each ear, which must be removed for PE lessons. No other jewellery.



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- We have altered coats from 'no bright colours' to any suitable coat (no hoodies), we understand the importance of being 'visible' when travelling to school on dark mornings.
- Black plain socks only.
- Please do ensure that your son/daughter attends school, with pens, pencils, ruler, eraser, pencil sharpener, headphones and a calculator each day as a minimum.

Parents Surgery

A reminder of our parent's surgery system, roughly every 4/5 Tuesdays, you can make an appointment to see any teacher. These form valuable opportunities to check on your child's progress in any subject area. Dates of up-coming parent's surgeries are below (please contact the front office to make appointments:

- Tuesday 30th September 2025
- Tuesday 18th November 2025

Yours Faithfully,

Mr R Jones

Deputy Headteacher

Uniform and Appearance

We expect all students to look smart and respectable, and we expect parents to support the school in our requirements about appearance. The following applies to what students should wear on their way to or from school as well as when they are in school. We have kept the uniform requirements as practical and simple as possible.

Apart from a simple stud in each ear, students **may not wear jewellery**, and the school cannot be responsible for items brought into school. **Earrings, eyebrow studs, nose studs, rings, necklaces, bracelets etc. are not allowed. No overt hair colouring will be permitted.**

Students may not wear excessive make-up in school, **nail polish should be clear, fake eyelashes/nails are not to be worn.** Shoes must be black, polishable leather, safe and sturdy.

If a mobile phone/electronic device is brought into school, it **must** be handed into the school office for collection at the end of the day. If a student is found to be using a phone, or if it rings during a lesson, it will be confiscated until the end of the day. A second breach of this rule will require parents/carers to come into school to collect the mobile telephone, permission to bring in a mobile phone will be removed at this point. **Smart watches are not permitted to be worn in school.**



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School Uniform		
Item	Girls	Boys
Polo Shirt	Blue crested polo-shirt	
Jumper	Black V-neck crested school sweatshirt (optional) but the only form of jumper allowed	
Trouser	Trouser Black tailored trousers-NO SKINNY FIT TROUSERS	
Skirts	Grey pleated skirt-close to knee length	
Shoes	Plain Black polishable shoes – NO BOOTS	
Socks	Plain Black Socks	
Tights	Black Opaque/Natural colour tights	
Outdoor coat/jacket	Outdoor coat/jacket A sweatshirt/hoodie is not acceptable	
Tailored grey shorts	Tailored Grey Shorts – may be worn during hot weather periods only (the school will notify parents during any period of sustained hot weather)	



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