



Parent / Carer Newsletter Session 2021 – 2022 Issue 7

Dear Parent / Carer,

With the October break just one week away, please find below some information that may be of use to you.

Parents' Nights

To ensure all future Parent/ Carer contact evenings go ahead this session, we are now planning to move all such events (at least to Christmas) to an online platform.

We are currently working with colleagues to ensure the system works effectively. After the October break, more information will be shared in advance of the planned parent/carers evenings.

Staffing news

After 20 years of service to thousands of young people and their families, Mrs Susan McMahon will retire as Principal Teacher of Modern Studies. Mrs McMahon will be missed by many young people, as well as staff here at the school.

We also say farewell to Debbie Gibb from our school office. Debbie takes up a post out with education and her positivity and friendly welcome will be missed in our office.

Both colleagues leave with our best wishes for the future.

Non-uniform day

On Friday 8th October, the last day of term we will be hosting a non-uniform day. The focus of this event is to raise awareness of mental health, with World Mental Health Day being on Sunday 10th October. We will also be supporting Dundee Foodbank and Young Minds, a charity working to improve mental health in young people.

Staff and pupils can take part in this non-uniform day, by wearing the colour yellow to raise awareness of mental health, #HelloYellow.

If possible, we would be delighted to accept much needed donations for the Foodbank and / or a cash donation which will be donated to Young Minds. The table provides some examples of the types of donations that would be suitable for the Foodbank.

Thank you for your support.

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS

TINNED FRUIT
TINNED PUDDINGS
(E.G. RICE PUDDING/CUSTARD/SPONGE
PUDDINGS)
TINNED MEAT (E.G. SPAM, HAM, CORNED BEEF)
TINNED FISH (E.G. TUNA/SARDINES)
LONG-LIFE MILK

Late coming

A copy of the letter, issued to all families yesterday can be found below.

<http://harrisacademy.ea.dundee.sch.uk/latecoming-letter.pdf>

I can assure all families that no young person will be noted as late to school if the school service buses are the reason for a late arrival.

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) inclusive education – information for all parents / carers

This document, accessible via the link below, has been developed by the National Parent Forum of Scotland to raise awareness and support understanding of an LGBT inclusive curriculum. Schools have been encouraged to share this document with all parents / carers.

<http://harrisacademy.ea.dundee.sch.uk/lgbt-inclusive-education.pdf>

Our school year has started very well but has still been affected by the ongoing concerns of COVID-19. I would like to again express my gratitude to the school community for living our values and ensuring our young people get the best possible experience in such challenging times.

Wishing each and every member of our school community an enjoyable break when it arrives next Friday.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. Millar', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Barry Millar
Head Teacher