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Dear Parent/Carer

### **Wilmington Academy launches My Child at School**

We write to inform all parents/carers that the My Child at School on-line portal is now live for both parents and students. A series of planned logins will take place for all students between now and the Easter break to ensure your child can easily access their portal. If for any reason you are not able to access either parent or student accounts, please contact your child's college admin team for support.

### **Bring Your Own Device**

We actively encourage all students to bring their own electronic devices to school (A mobile phone is not suitable for lesson activities). Please ensure that if your child has an appropriate device it is fully charged and is used where appropriate. Learning activities are being planned for students who have access to a device to encourage use. I would like to remind you that mobile phones should be switched off during the day and remain in your child's pocket/bag. If you need to contact your child in an emergency, during the day please go through their college admin team.

### **Attendance**

Please ensure your child is in school and ready to start their learning by 8.40am. This is the time the lessons start, not the time the students should be arriving to school. We also encourage your child to attend school every day to ensure their progress is maintained and they do not fall behind in their subjects.

We also write to remind all students and their parents/carers our expectations regarding conduct, standards and uniform.

### **Uniform**

We would like to remind students and parents/carers that students are expected in full school uniform every day. This includes their blazer - which is to be worn at all times.

Skirts should be resting just above the knee and we ask that you use the Easter break to purchase a suitable length skirt where an existing skirt is too short.

The following are not permitted :

- Trainers - unless there is a medical reason
- Fake tan
- Make up
- False nails of any description
- Nail varnish
- False (drawn on/heavily tinted) eyebrows
- False eyelashes
- Unnatural hair colour
- Belts with large/designer buckles
- Jewellery - other than a watch and small stud earrings.

Students in breach of our rules and expectations will face sanctions which we would hope to avoid by full cooperation from all stakeholders.

### **Equipped to Learn**

All students should have the equipment needed to learn. This includes:

- 2 black pens
- Pencils
- Eraser
- Ruler
- Scientific calculator
- Reading book
- Colouring pencils
- sharpener

All students should have a suitable bag that is able to store/transport several books and an A4 sized folder.

We would also like you to be aware that the following are also prohibited from our school site and will be confiscated:

- Fizzy/energy drinks
- Aerosol cans
- Chewing gum

### **Travelling to/from the Academy**

We encourage all students to take their road safety seriously and we actively promote that if riding a bike to school, every child should have the correct safety equipment such as a safety helmet, working bright lights and brakes have been checked. Please discuss how to ride safely to the academy.

“Wheelies” are incredibly dangerous and it would be appreciated if this can be emphasised at home.

The roads are not a playground.

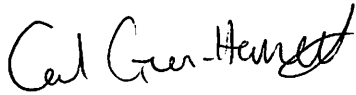
If travelling by foot, please encourage children to use the crossings provided and be aware of their surroundings whilst respecting our local community.

By working together to ensure all students are equipped for learning and following our expectations - we can focus on making as much progress as possible.

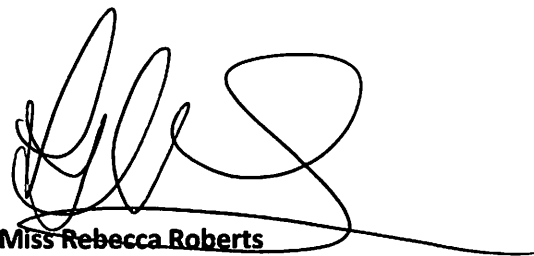
Thank you for your continued support.



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