

17th July 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

With the end of term fast approaching, we would like to thank you for your continued support and overwhelming positive feedback you have shown this year. Working in partnership with you is fundamental to the continued success of the school and we never take that important relationship for granted.

We thought we would take the opportunity to give some important updates and reminders for the new term.

Amendments to Form Groups from September

At The Snaith School, we have a system of static Year 7 Tutors. At the end of Year 7, Year 7 tutors hand over their tutor groups to another tutor who will take that tutor group through to the end of Year 11. The list below details the changes to form tutors for our current Year 7 pupils:

Current Year 7 Form Tutor	New Year 8 Form Tutor from September 2024
7ESC	8RHL – Mrs Hull – Room 44
7MTI	8RCO – Mr Collins – Room HU1
7SEG	8NGR – Mrs Gravel – Room 23
7SEL	8NSC – Mr Schmitt – Room 3
7GSA	8BFR – Mr Franklin – Room 35

There are also a small number of changes to tutors in our other year groups. The list below details these changes:

Current Form Tutor	New Form Tutor from September 2024
8LGO	9MAP – Mr Appleyard – Room 2
8POG	9SWI – Miss Wilson – Room Hu3
8SAN	9THA – Mr Harrison – Room Hu6

For all other Tutor Groups, your child's Tutor will remain the same from September 2024 and they will remain in their current tutor room.

Year Leaders

As with every new academic year at The Snaith School, there may be some changes to your child's Year Leader. From September the Year Leaders will be:

- Year 7 – Mrs Cooper
- Year 8 – Mrs Anderson
- Year 9 – Mrs Mulley
- Year 10 – Mrs Price
- Year 11 – Mrs Charlton.

Behaviour Policy Updates

The [Behaviour Policy](#) has been revised to include an update as to how the school will be escalating sanctions to reduce instances of a very small number of pupils facing a backlog of detentions over a period of consecutive days. Furthermore, the school will adapt its approach to RESET to ensure that when a pupil completes their sanction, any further detentions previously set for days following the RESET sanction will not be required to be

completed. The incidents will remain on your child's record, however, this will allow for the RESET sanction to service its purpose as a means to RESET a pupil's behaviour.

School Uniform Reminders

Please find attached the school uniform policy, if you have any queries regarding school uniform, please contact the school and we will be happy to answer any questions or queries that you may have.

One significant update to the [Uniform Policy](#) is that from September, pupils **will not be allowed to wear hoodies or other similar sports style tops and jumpers as an alternative to a coat.** We have taken this decision due to persistent issues relating to the wearing of hoodies instead of or underneath blazers which has strongly impacted on the smartness of the uniform we are very proud of at The Snaith School. From September, pupils should only wear a normal coat which fits over their school blazer.

As per the Uniform Policy, skirts should be worn so they sit just above the knee. Recently we have had several pupils wearing skirts that are much shorter than knee length. We have therefore taken the decision to introduce an additional, longer length skirt; this will enable all parents and carers to purchase a skirt of the correct length for their child. We appreciate that pupils are different heights so the new length skirt should enable all pupils to wear a skirt that is just above the knee. Skirt lengths should not be altered, nor should they be rolled over at the waistband to make them shorter.

We do realise that throughout the summer holidays pupils may take the opportunity to have piercings, dye their hair unusual colours, have lash extensions or wear false nails. We would like to remind you about our rules regarding these.

We **do not allow** any facial piercings, such as nose studs, only one pair of earrings, small studs are allowed (one in each ear). We **do not allow** false lashes or lash extensions, nor do we allow acrylic nails or gels. Nail polish should also be removed. Please can you ensure that these items are removed for the start of term.

We also request that if your child has dyed their hair or had pieces of hair dyed to a colour that is not a natural hair colour i.e. blue, purple etc that the colour is rectified before the school term commences.

We would like the start of term to run as smoothly as possible and your cooperation on these matters is much appreciated.

Pre-loved Uniform (Donations and Requests)

As it is coming to the end of the holidays, you may be considering purchasing new uniform for your child. If you have any items of uniform (blazer, trousers, or skirts) that you would like to donate to the school, you can still bring them into school and hand them into our Reception staff. We are currently building a stock of uniform and are really pleased with the amount of uniform donations that we have received.

If you are looking for specific uniform items for your child, please email office@thesnaithschool.org.uk staff are regularly checking this email. They will then respond to your email and confirm if we have availability of the items that you require. These items will then be packaged for you, ready for you to collect. All we ask in return is a small donation, which the SSA will reinvest back into school for the benefit of our pupils. We can assure you that the scheme is completely confidential.

We are really looking forward to welcoming your child back to school in September. If you have any questions or queries in the meantime, please get in contact with us via email office@thesnaithschool.org.uk or via the school phone number and we will happily assist you with your query.

Equipment

All pupils are required to bring a bag to school which should be large enough to carry books and PE kit. We also require all pupils to be prepared for their learning and must bring to school the following:

- Pen, pencil, pencil sharpener, ruler and rubber
- Purple pen and whiteboard pen (we will issue pupils with these in September)
- Maths set
- Scientific calculator
- Pencil case.

We will also be operating a stationery shop in September from which pupils can purchase replacement items from the list above. Pupils will also be able to purchase these items using Reward Points accrued through the Rewards Programme.

Attendance

We know from our own GCSE results last year that pupils with good attendance of 95% or higher outperform pupils with attendance below 90% by an average of 1 grade in each subject. We would like to thank parents for their support in ensuring their child attends school routinely and where attendance is unavoidable, we would like to thank parents for their prompt communication of the reason for the absence. The table below shows how we compare to National and Regional data and in all year groups the school performing better across all years than other schools nationally and in our region.

Year Group	The Snaith School	Regional	National
7	94%	92%	93%
8	94%	91%	92%
9	92%	89%	90%
10	92%	89%	90%
11	93%	88%	89%

We endeavour to build on this success during the next academic year with an aim to return our attendance levels to those prior to the COVID 19 Pandemic.

Arbor Parent Portal App

We would like to thank parents for their support with your prompt sign up to the Arbor Parent App. We look forward to launching additional features to the app in September. We are now confident that 97% of parents have signed up to the app and we strongly advise the remaining parents to sign up to be able to consent to trips and visits, monitor your child's attendance, monitor your child's rewards and behaviours along with a range of other features.

Lunch Accounts

We would like to thank parents for ensuring their child's lunch accounts are regularly topped up to maintain a credit balance. We do have a facility to allow accounts to go overdrawn in order to ensure that pupils can have a meal should their account enter a negative balance. Please can parents/carers check their child's balances and if required, top up accounts to repay any monies owed.

Reward Trip Payment

You will shortly receive confirmation that your child is eligible for a place on the rewards trips which take place on Friday 27th September 2024. Please ensure that you have submitted your child's preference for their choice of trip which can be completed using this form. **This must be completed by Wednesday 17th July 2024.** We will notify parents/carers when the trip goes live on Scopay, with the precise payment required for your child to attend their chosen trip. The exact value will be unique to each child as we will discount the monetary value of any remaining reward stamps your child has accrued over this academic year. Final payment must be received by 31st August 2024.

Start of Term Arrangements September 2024

The school reopens in September on Monday 2nd September to all staff who will be taking part in staff training day. On Tuesday 3rd September, the school will open to **Year 7 and Year 11 only**. Pupils should be on site for 8.45am. Year 7 pupils will be directed straight to the Main Hall on arrival with Year 11 pupils going directly to their form rooms. On Wednesday 4th September, the school will reopen to the remaining year groups who, along with Year 7 and Year 11, will all be directed straight to their form rooms on arrival to school.

'We are a Knockout' Event – Thursday 18th July 2024

You will have recently received communication about the 'We are a Knockout' event taking place on Thursday 18th July. The entire day will be off timetable with pupils taking part in a range of activities within their form groups. The 'We are a Knockout' event requires parents/carers to consent to the activity which must be done through the Trips section of the **Arbor App**. Details of how to do this along can be found on the letter communicated to parents/carers earlier in the week.

Sports Day – Friday 19th July 2024

Our annual Sports Day event is planned for Friday 19th July 2024. This is a whole day event comprising of athletics and team sports events. **Pupils must attend in their full PE kit** and are advised to bring a refillable bottle of water, suncream and a hat as early indications show a much-improved weather forecast.

Our final newsletter, The Snaith School Story will be issued on the last day of term. I am sure you will agree this has been a fantastic year. We wish you all a fantastic summer, please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions or queries after reading this update.

Yours faithfully,



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Headteacher