



Bishop Douglass Catholic School

An Academy School in the Cardinal Hume Academies Trust

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Dear Parents/Carers

Happy new year to you and your families. I hope you had a restful and enjoyable holiday. As you know our new term began today. Please refer to your child's Journal regarding our school uniform rules as a reminder so that we can ensure our whole community are clear regarding our expectations in this respect. Uniform is good and it is imperative that the new term and this calendar year get off to the best possible start. In order for this to happen, it is crucial that you support your child to ensure that they are in school on time, meeting the uniform regulations and maintain a positive attitude to learning. All of the adults here at school continue to do everything possible to support your child's learning. We do not want to get side-tracked from our main focus, by having to deal with avoidable issues such as uniform infringements or students not adhering to our very clear rules. Thank you in advance for your support and co-operation in maintaining our high standards.

I have made reference via parent newsletters, to legislation surrounding attendance at school. It is imperative that students attend every day, as expected, so that their progress is not interrupted. Staff at school know that every lesson counts and we do our best to convey this message to both students and parents. Please support us in our endeavours by making routine medical appointments either after school or in the holidays. You already know that holidays should not be booked during term time, as they cannot be authorised and could lead to fixed penalty notices being issued. Again, I look forward to you as parents and carers to support us in our efforts to ensure high attendance and punctuality levels here at Bishop Douglass, as this is essential to each child reaching their full potential and becoming the best they can be.

Please do look at our website regularly for updates, information and key reminders. As I have said previously, we very much value your feedback. Let us know if you have any queries or concerns, so we have the opportunity to resolve these quickly.

Thank you once again for your support, and cooperation and I look forward to seeing you here at school at some point in the near future, starting with Year 11 Parents Evening this Wednesday, 10th January 2018.

Wishing you all the best for a happy, holy and healthy New Year, working in partnership with all here at Bishop Douglass.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs McLean-Boyd
Associate Headteacher

