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Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year - I hope you all had a lovely, restful break. A huge welcome to our new families, who have joined the school. We look forward to getting to know you. We also welcome Victoria Turvey, who has joined our staff this term.

It has been so lovely welcoming the children back, they have been so excited about their learning and there has been lots of excitement about new topics.

Just a couple of things I wanted to remind you of so that we can have a good start to the New Year:

Attendance

So far, this academic year, we have had a lot of children coming into school late. There have been so far over 600 late marks recorded and this really affects our children being able to settle and regulate ready to learn for the day. Please could I remind you that the classroom doors open at 8:45am, where children have an activity ready for them and the bell then goes at 8:55am. Our expectation is that all children should arrive at school between this time. If you arrive after the bell, you will now be asked to go through the reception, and this will be marked as a late. The Government updated their attendance policy in September 2022, and we are obliged to record and monitor all lateness and unauthorised attendance. This will then be taken further, where necessary. Some children have a pre-agreed arrangement with the inclusion team to support coming into school, which will continue. If you do not have this support in place, but feel you would benefit from this, please do contact the Inclusion Team: <u>dgre2015@bishop-loveday.oxon.sch.uk</u>.

Uniform

Please could we also take the New Year to remind everybody that on PE days children should be wearing plain black joggers/shorts, red polo shirt and a plain black hoody/zip up hoody. Children will be participating in all weathers, so it would be really helpful to have a spare set of uniform that stays on your child's peg for the term.



Our uniform for non-PE days is grey trousers/skirt, white polo shirt/shirt and a red cardigan/jumper. The school logo is optional. We do regularly have second hand uniform sales, so please look out for these. Naming your children's clothes also really helps when children leave their things around the school. Children should not be wearing trainers on non-PE days and coats are a must during winter months. Long hair should be tied up (with plain hair bands) and only stud earrings are permitted.

Thank you so much for your continuing support. The children really are a credit to you all and we are very much looking forward to the exciting term ahead.

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Mrs Dee Loader Head of School

