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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the final school term of this academic year.

COVID restrictions

As I write we are all eagerly awaiting information from the government on the roadmap out of COVID restrictions. I will write to next week once we have the details from the briefing on Monday. As you know, we do not receive this information in advance of the press briefings so I am unable to give you any insight at this time. We are all keeping our fingers crossed that sports day, along with our planned tours for parents and carers will be able to go ahead.

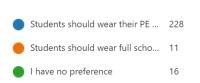
Consultation results

Thank you to the 255 parents and carers who shared their views on consultation evenings, PE kit and trainers. The parent and carers feedback is as follows:

4. In order to understand the views of parents and carers could you select one of the following options in relation to your preference for parents' evenings:



5. So, in relation to students wearing their PE kit on the day of PE lessons please select one of the following options:



More Details



Headteacher: Mrs E Bone BA (Hons), MA Tudeley Lane, Tonbridge, Kent TN9 2JP Tel: 01732 373 500 Email: school@wealdgs.org wealdgs.org Weald of Kent Grammar School Academy Trust Charity, incorporated in England and Wales Registration Number 7451660, Limited by Guarantee 6. We have also allowed students this year to wear trainers to school. This was implemented in response to the increased numbers of students walking to school rather than taking public transport. As we head into the new school year we would like your view on our proposal to allow students the option to wear plain black trainers with their school uniform.



On basis of the feedback you have given, combined with the view of staff and students, which were broadly in line with your responses, we will be moving forward into next academic year with the following in place:

Parents and carers consultations will be arranged via an online system. We will send you all of the details, plus instructions on using the system in plenty of time for the first event. We intend to use an auto schedule option, which will mean you no longer need to be logged on at the exact time and date that appointments open (you will of course be able to contact us to change appointments if you need). The system we will be using allows multiple parents and carers to logon to the same session, it also works on mobile devices for ease of access. This will also allow us to overcome the challenge of staff who teach multiple groups not having enough available slots as these can be offered on multiple dates given that you no longer need to attend the session in person.

We will update the school uniform list to reflect the change to footwear requirements allowing students to wear plain back trainers, and also to confirm that students should wear their PE kit on the day of PE lessons. Given the permanent move to wearing PE kit, could I ask you to be mindful of the size of your child's skort, when they grow these can become very short indeed. Also, to confirm we are very happy for students to wear leggings under their skorts, or tracksuit bottoms over or instead of them.

Thank you as always for your continued support. I do hope you have the opportunity to make the most of the lovely weather over the weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E. Bone Headteacher