



Winterton Community Academy

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Dear Parents / Carers,

As we approach the end of term, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very merry Christmas and to thank you for your ongoing support. It has been an absolute pleasure to welcome your children to school this term where behaviour and attitudes to learning have been extremely positive. Whenever we host visitors to the school, they always comment on how well our pupils' represent themselves and, as ever, we have every reason to be proud of them.

This term we introduced three new values alongside our existing school values of respect, hard-work and positivity. Our new values are community, diversity and ambition. These values are represented in more detail on the website and they inform the school that we are, the way that we conduct ourselves and ultimately, the person that we would like to help our pupils' become. We are committed to being a central part of the Winterton community and these values help our pupils develop into positive citizens within that community.

Effective from the start of the next term (January 6th), we have made a small change to the structure of our school day. We will now start the day with 'Tutorial Time' prior to period 1, instead of it being directly after lunch, which has been the case for the last few years. This will allow us to ensure that we start the day positively and support our pupils' with any concerns prior to the academic day beginning.

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| 0850 – 0910 | Tutorial |
| 0910 – 1010 | Period 1 |
| 1010 – 1015 | Comfort Break |
| 1015 – 1115 | Period 2 |
| 1115 – 1130 | Break |
| 1130 – 1230 | Period 3 |
| 1230 – 1325 | Lunch |
| 1325 – 1425 | Period 4 |
| 1425 – 1430 | Comfort Break |
| 1430 – 1530 | Period 5 |

You will see from this schedule, that we have a short comfort break built in to the time-table, between periods 1 and 2 and periods 4 and 5. With formal breaks occurring after period 2 and 3, there is plenty of opportunity for pupils' to visit the toilet outside of learning time. As a result, our general rule will be that pupils will not be expected to leave their lesson to go to the toilet. Regrettably, too much time is lost where a small number of pupils' are using a visit to the toilet as an excuse to avoid their lesson. Naturally, there will be exceptional circumstances where it may be necessary and teachers will be supportive of this, however, it should very much be the exception and not a daily occurrence. Please support us in helping to manage the expectations of your child. As we prepare them for adult life, they will need to manage themselves appropriately within their future workplace, therefore, we expect them to be responsible and respect that they need to prioritise their learning.

The vast majority of all students at Winterton wear their uniform with pride and look exceptionally smart. I would like to politely remind you that only grey school trousers should be worn. There have been some incidents of black leggings creeping into school towards the end of term. Please also remember that any 'Christmas' acrylic nails should be removed before returning to school in January.

Finally, I would like to share with you the news that Mr Irvine (Science) will be leaving at the end of this term. I would like to thank Mr Irvine for his service to the school and we wish him well for the future.

Also, a polite reminder that school closes at 2pm on Friday and will re-open at 08:50am on Monday 6th January.

Have a lovely, safe Christmas and best wishes for the new year.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'MR ROWLANDS', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr Rowlands
Headteacher