

Tuesday 17th July 2018

Dear Parents & Carers,

I am writing to you to inform you of the end of term arrangements and provide you with some reminders for the new school year in September.

Activities Day

Thursday 19th July is our annual activities day and all but a few students (who are taking part in events on site), will go out of school on trips.

End of term arrangements

Students will take part in a range of activities during the morning of **Friday 20th July** and **finish school at 12.30pm**.

ParentPay

As you know, we are encouraging all parents/carers to **activate their ParentPay account** as this is now the school's preferred method of payment for trips. Should you wish to continue to pay by cash, this can be done via the PayPoint network at local convenience stores. Please contact the finance office extension 106/107 for additional information.

If you haven't already activated your ParentPay account and require your log in details, please contact the finance office.

Bus service

As per my letter to you last May, from September our subsidised bus service to our North site will no longer be running due to financial constraints and increased costs from Travel West Midlands.

Note that should your child use **public transport**, the following buses serve Phoenix by bringing our students to a walking distance from school:

- N° 41 – Friar Park
- N° 45 – Yew Tree, Walsall
- N° 47/47A – Wednesbury/West Bromwich
- N° 5/46 – Great Barr/Scott Arms.

Contagious infectious diseases

We are asking for your cooperation in a vitally important matter. One of our students is returning to school in September following receiving medical treatment for cancer. This puts the student at serious risk if exposed to measles, chicken pox or shingles.

The best way to protect our students from measles is for all of them to be immunised against this highly contagious infectious disease. Please discuss measles immunisation with your GP if your child has not already been vaccinated. If you suspect your child has measles, you should **let the school know immediately.**

Our student is also at risk from chicken pox and will need immediate medical attention if he has mixed in class or in the playground with someone with chicken pox. Please let us know immediately if you suspect your child has chickenpox or shingles.

Your child is not at any risk whatsoever from this situation. However, the health and wellbeing of our student may be at serious risk. We depend on the cooperation of all parents/carers and hope we can rely on your help.

Message from West Midlands Police

Please find attached a letter from PC Treasure giving **important safety advice** to keep young people safe this summer.

Return date for September

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you that **ALL** students will return to school on **Wednesday 5th September 2018.**

08.40am - Year 7 students to arrive and report to the school hall

09.30am - Year 12 students to arrive and report to the school hall

11.20am - Years 8, 9, 10 & 11 students to arrive and report to tutors in form rooms for P3

11.30am - Year 13 students to arrive and report to the school hall

All students should be dressed in their full school uniform. This includes their ID badges - full details of which are provided on the school website at www.aspirebelievesucceed.com

All that remains is for me to extend my sincere thanks to you for your support during the last academic year and wish you all a very pleasant summer break.

Yours faithfully



Mike Smith
Head teacher