

1 December 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

As we continue through learning programme 2, it is important that we re-address our academy standards and expectations with our pupils to ensure we have a safe, calm and supportive academy environment. I thank you in advance for supporting your child in being school-ready every day and helping them understand and meet academy standards. Uniform is incredibly important to our school community, please ensure your child is fully dressed in full school uniform. As per our uniform policy, all pupils must wear school shoes to school, any form of trainer is not permitted. All pupils are also expected to wear their Academy ties/bags daily. If you need to replace any item of uniform then please visit either Motif Marketing in Milton or The National Schoolwear shop in Hanley. As always, if you need any support in these areas, please do contact your child's head of learning.

STEPS and SLANT

Following on from our parental forum last night I would like to reiterate what our two acronyms STEPS and SLANT mean and how they help us to develop kindness, good manners and excellent learning habits for all pupils.

STEPS

Sir/Miss
Thankyou
Excuse me
Please
Smile

SLANT

Sit up
Listen carefully
Ask & answer
Never interrupt
Track the teacher

Year 11

Our Winter Exams have started and Year 11 have had their ambition day on revision as well as the walking talking mocks, so they are well prepared for their written exams. There is information about exams including the timetable, guidance and support as well as our policies. **The URL for the webpage is -**
<https://bircheshead.org.uk/mock-exams/>

We wish all of our pupils the best of luck. Results will be published in January

Free School Meal Vouchers for the Christmas holiday

An e-mail containing the link to download the Christmas voucher will be sent out to eligible parents/carers on or around 11th December. This is again funded by Stoke-on-Trent City Council and is to the value of £30 per eligible child.

Please ensure that we have an up to date e-mail address to help with safe delivery of the voucher.

Please contact us if you need this information in any other language or format if you have any questions. You can contact the office by email on info@bircheshead.org.uk.

Dates to remember:

4th December – Immunisations

7th December – Christmas jumper day

Week commencing 11th December – Reward Assemblies

Week commencing 18th December – Christmas lunch (see flyer)

22nd December – Inset day

9th January 2024 – school open

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Yours Sincerely



Ms K Dixon
Principal