



Cardinal Langley RC High School

Headteacher: Mr AM Bridson B.Sc. (Hons)

Dear Parent/Carer,

We at Cardinal Langley pride ourselves on very high standards of behaviour, attendance and uniform, and we would like to take this opportunity to reinforce some messages now so that our expectations for all students are clear in plenty of time for September.

As of September, we will use a new system for contacting parents. Sims In Touch will allow us to contact parents via text or email and this will help us to relay important information to parents as regards, punctuality, attendance and behaviour.

Attendance and punctuality is the first key to your child's academic success. We expect all children to attend every day and we appreciate your continued support in this matter. We will reward children with 100% attendance as well as sanction those who are late for school. The government have increased the threshold for 'persistent absenteeism' to 90% and, therefore, your child will be referred to the Education Welfare Officer for intervention if attendance falls below this figure. Only children with exceptional circumstances should have attendance that falls below 97%, and proof of medical appointments will be required in those cases. Any holidays taken in term time will be unauthorised and referred to the Education Welfare Officer. Please be mindful of this when booking holidays.

Cardinal Langley students appear very smart when they follow our uniform code and all students are expected to wear full school uniform at all times. Could we please draw your attention to footwear: only plain black leather shoes are allowed for school. Trainers, canvas or sports shoes are not allowed. Also, the length of girls' skirts must be no higher than knee length to ensure modesty at all times and trousers must be tailored (not fitted or flared). Any child who arrives into school with incorrect uniform will be sent home to correct the item and will be expected to return straight away. Please do bear this in mind when purchasing uniform and footwear for September. Hairstyles must not be severe and unnatural colours are not allowed .

Finally, could we please take this opportunity to thank all our parents who support us on issues of behaviour, attendance and uniform. It was noted by Ofsted that our children look very smart and display very good behaviour around the school and that is due to your commitment to supporting us.

Please do contact school if you have any questions about any aspect of your child's experience at Cardinal Langley.

Yours faithfully,

A Williams