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BREWOOD CE (C) MIDDLE SCHOOL

A Specialist School For Science and Maths

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Dear Parents,

I would like to outline three important areas of concern to you and ask if you can please support these.

School Transport

We are very fortunate to have a very good school transport system which brings to school and takes home around 60% of pupils every day. If your child uses the school transport system they are asked to read with you, abide by and sign our Bus Safety Pledge - printed on page 20 of your child's Personal Organiser. I have printed this below and would ask that this is followed on each journey by your child.

On each journey the individual bus Company is responsible for your child's safety and if there are any infringements of the safety pledge the company will contact the school Transport Leader, Mrs Anne Holt, who may decide to withdraw your child's bus pass for a fixed period. Any infringements are also reported to the school and Mr Smith, Deputy Head, and school transport lead, who will follow-up any poor behaviour with individual pupils and contact parents where necessary.

I would also ask that pupils do not text or phone parents on the bus or record other pupils' conversations or film them. Pupils should also **not** text or phone other parents during their journey or at any other time.

Under **no** circumstances should any parent or family member board the bus to talk to their own child or other pupils. Last Thursday (9th March) there was an incident in which a parent boarded the 801 bus and was verbally aggressive to other pupils. This incident has been reported to Majestic Bus Company, School Transport and the Police and has been investigated by the school.

Equally, I would ask that no parent should get into a discussion on the school site with any other pupil. Any concerns about pupil behaviour should be carried out with the appropriate senior member of staff at Brewood CE Middle School. This should be Mr Smith (Years 7 and 8) or Mrs V Priestley (Years 5 and 6) or you may wish to contact myself.

For the safety and well-being of **all** pupils please abide by our Bus Safety pledge and other school requests and do not put pupils or yourselves in a vulnerable position.



Bus Safety Pledge

I will:

- Wait for the bus to stop before I approach it.
- Get on and off the bus sensibly and in an orderly manner.
- Wear my seatbelt correctly until I get to my destination.
- Stay seated throughout the whole of the journey.
- Not distract the bus driver or any other road users.
- Not leave or throw litter on the bus.
- Behave sensibly at all times - if not I will be removed from the bus.
- Respect other people and their property.
- Look after my property.

Pupil Signature _____ Date _____

Valuables

I would also ask for your support in the issue of valuables. Would you ensure that pupils do **not** bring valuable or sentimental items to school? All pupils have lockers but these are for small bags, coats, sports gear and work items. They are **not** lockable and should not be used to store valuable items.

In the past, we have offered to collect items from pupils when they get changed for PE/games. We will no longer be doing this and would ask pupils to be responsible for their own property or not bring in expensive items at all. This includes expensive watches such as Smart Watches. The school cannot accept liability for the loss of any such items.

Please make sure that all sports items are labelled with your child's name so that if it is lost or mislaid, these can be returned to your child promptly.

Mobile Phones

I have printed below the mobile phone policy established by the school. This is on Page 20 of the Pupil Organiser. I must stress that your child does **not** have to bring a mobile phone to school. This is your judgment call. Equally, I would ask that if they have an inexpensive phone it would be best if that was brought in instead.

From tomorrow - Wednesday 14th March - there will be a change in how pupils' phones will be brought in and collected at the end of the day.

Key Stage 2 pupils (Years 5 and 6) should keep their phones with them and when they enter the building at 8.45am should hand these in to the responsible adult (either a teacher or TA) who will collect these in the Open Plan ICT area in Key Stage 2. At the end of the day these phones should be collected from the same place.

Year 7 and 8 pupils should hand these in from 8.30am at the Key Stage 3 entrance. They can be collected from the Internet Café at 3.30pm

No phones should be used before or after school on the school site.

Please make sure your child's phone is clearly labelled with their name.

Missing Phone and Smart Watch

Last week, a phone was mistakenly collected by another pupil and we are still trying to find this. If you or your child realised they have this phone, or knows of its whereabouts please get in touch with the school. It is an i-phone 5s with a black cover with purple and blue flower design.

A pupil's black Smart Watch is also missing. If you know anything about this please contact school.

From tomorrow, if a phone is not named it will be secured in the school office until a parent can collect it.

During the day all mobile phones are secured safely in the school office.

Mobile Phones

All phones must be clearly labelled with name and class.

Year 7 & 8 pupils should hand in their mobile phones on arrival at school in the KS3 entrance, Year 5 & 6 pupils should hand their phones in at 8.45am when they walk into the KS2 Base. If a child is found with their mobile phone in school it will be confiscated and kept until a parent can collect it.

RULES:

- No images to be taken using mobile phone camera.
- No images to be posted on any internet or social networking sites.
- No Ipad or MP3 players to be brought into school.
- No kindles to be brought into school.

If rules are not adhered to they are a serious breach of the school's e-safety code and code of conduct.

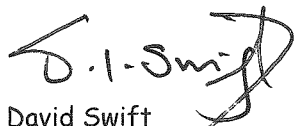
As a pupil of Brewood CE (C) Middle School I hereby agree to comply with the mobile phone rules:

Pupil Signature _____ Date _____

As the person with parental responsibility for the pupil signing the above I give permission for a mobile phone to be brought to school and recognise that they do so at their own risk. The school does not take responsibility for loss or damage.

Thank you for your co-operation in these matters. We hope these new mobile phone procedures work. If not, I will seriously have to consider a ban on pupils bringing mobile phones to school.

Best wishes



David Swift

Executive Headteacher