

22 October 2021

Dear families

As we begin to get into the flow of the half term I wanted to say a huge thank you for the support so many families are providing for us all here at Dixons Fazakerley. A key priority for us as a new Academy is communication, family engagement and community support. I recognise that we still have work to do but it is clear that better communication is increasing the quality of the partnership between student, home and academy and I thank you for your support with this.

### **Appreciations**

Another week of excellence here at Dixons Fazakerley Academy has been celebrated in our end of week appreciations which recognise the determination, integrity and respect shown by the students below – a huge well done to them all and I trust that families will appreciate their efforts at home as well. Please see the list of appreciations below:

<https://www.dixonsfa.com/about/appreciations>

### **Safeguarding and TikTok**

You may have seen in the news that some students are creating accounts on this social media platform targeting staff and schools. The accounts are disgraceful and vile in many cases with individuals being targeted in the most horrific way; please be clear if your child is found to have set up one of these accounts and/or follows them they run the risk of permanent exclusion and criminal proceedings. I know that you will be as shocked and disappointed as I am regarding this matter and I hope you will support us by checking your child's phone and removing any relevant accounts of this nature.

### **On Task**

We have been trialling the On Task behaviour learning habit with students this week and the vast majority have responded positively which has supported the learning environment within our academy. We have seen some students removed from lessons to reset but in most cases students have reset and succeeded in the remainder of the lesson. As of Monday 15 November any student removed from lessons to reset their behaviour will be receiving a correction as a result of disturbing the learning of others. Safeguarding students is about safeguarding their right to academic success alongside the wider work we do to safeguarding wellbeing and health and every student must be on task in lessons 100% of the time – a reasonable and appropriate expectation for any place of study or indeed work. Please discuss On Task with your child and how they have found the first week of this learning habit and remind them of how to continue to succeed next week.

### **Uniform and PE Kit**

Our students look so much smarter in their new uniform and we have come a long way on smart shoes and a lack of jewellery and make up. However two things I really need your help with and that is 100% of students in the correct uniform when it comes to PE kits and bags. We provided all students with a PE kit and they need to bring one in order to be fully equipped for their PE lesson – please do support your child by making sure they have their bag fully packed the night before with all they need to be successful. On the topic of bags, they must be A4 rucksack size and this is not negotiable as they are required to hold A4 folders and their PE kit etc. – a small fashionable handbag or small rucksack is not appropriate and students will be asked to leave them in Mountain Rescue as we provide a more suitable bag.



## Cycle One Reports

I know many families have been awaiting an update on your child's attainment for a long time now following two years of covid disrupted performing. We will be releasing cycle one reports over the course of the next two weeks which identify your child's attainment and identify how they are doing compared to their cohort average. We will be analysing this information on the two data and planning days which are next Thursday and Friday which means that students are not in school on **Thursday 18 and Friday 19 November**. We expect students to complete Look, Cover, Write, Check for the subjects they would normally have on those days using their knowledge navigators.

As always, I hope you have a restful weekend and look forward to another week of improvement from Monday.

Yours faithfully

**Chris Wilson**  
**Principal**  
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