



28 January 2026

Dear parents and carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. We have had a wonderful start to the Spring term with pupils returning brilliantly after Christmas. We have had our highest ever first-choice applications to the school from our incoming year 6 cohort. We know this is a reflection of our incredible pupils and staff – their commitment to our LGA ethos shines through every day and has inspired our new families. I wanted to update you on a few key things, please take 5 minutes to read this letter.

Attendance

THANK YOU so much for supporting your child to attend school every day! We are seeing a real decrease in absences for sporadic illness, which tells us that families are working with their children to ensure they are in school and learning, even when they have a cold. I am so impressed with the resilience shown by our young people and thank you for working in partnership with us.

Mobile phones

Again, we have seen a hugely positive impact on our **phones off and in bags** policy. We know this is in large part due to your support of this policy and your recognition that schools need to be phone-free environments. We estimate about half of any issues in school (including social issues and behaviour) stem directly from mobile phones. Please continue to reiterate that phones should be off and in bags for the entirety of the school day, including before and after school. Phones will be confiscated from pupils if they are seen with them around our school site.

Uniform

Generally uniform continues to look smart at Lynn Grove. Pupils are proud to wear their uniforms and college ties and they represent us well in our community. We will be having a push on the following areas in Spring 2. We hope this forward notice allows any issues to be sorted out over half term; please contact your child's college team if there are any barriers.

1. Nose studs: these are not allowed and pupils must have a clear retainer
2. Nails: must be a neutral colour
3. Hair, as per our policy, should be "*naturals, no mixes or clumps of colour as we do not wish to create undue financial pressures on families to meet expectations around hair colour trends*"
4. Earrings: if worn, should be a stud in each ear



Pupils will be asked to have these issues resolved, and if in the rare case they refuse to comply, will lose social time.

Energy drinks

We have seen a slight increase in pupils bringing in energy drinks to school. Please could pupils bring in water only. They can refill this in the canteen or in the water fountain throughout the day. They are also able to purchase a range of healthy drinks in the canteen or kiosks.

Thank you again for all of your support and encouragement.
Very many thanks,

Mrs Brookes
Principal