



June 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

Consultation Feedback and Changes to the Day and Sports Kit from September 2026

Following our work to identify a new supplier, I am writing to share an important update about our Sports Kit, which will be introduced from September 2026. I also want to update you on changes to the day and our move towards a device-free environment, following consultation with students, parents/carers, staff and governors.

Following a comprehensive review and consultation process, we are pleased to introduce a new Sports Kit in partnership with Surridge Sport, supplied by Clive Mark. We are excited about this new partnership and the benefits it will bring to our community.

Our criteria for selecting a new supplier included the following:

- ✓ High-quality and durable materials;
- ✓ Comfortable and practical design;
- ✓ Strong value for money;
- ✓ Reflective of student, parent/carers, staff, and governor feedback.

The Supplier – Clive Mark

Products will be available [online](#) and instore at Clive Mark in Walsall town centre. Clive Mark will be the sole supplier of our Sports Kit and will also supply our uniform. They offer flexible payment options to support families. All items (both uniform and Sports Kit) will be available from 1st July 2026, when our contract ends with our current supplier.

Transition to the new Sports Kit

Students will not be expected to replace their existing Macron Sports Kit immediately. Current items may continue to be worn throughout the next academic year, allowing time for students to outgrow their existing items before families need to make any changes.

Sports Kit Expectations

Students must wear at least two visible branded items. A plain black or navy t-shirt may be worn alongside these branded items. However, the branded item must be the one visible. Purchasing the full kit is optional, and bundle options will be available at a discounted price. Socks must be white, black, or navy alongside the new Sports Kit.

New Sports Kit



T-Shirt



Shorts



1/4 Zip Training Top



Tracksuit Bottoms

If your child requires new Sports Kit items urgently in the coming weeks, please contact the [helpdesk](#), as we have a limited amount of Macron Sports Kit available to loan to students.

Changes for September 2026

Following feedback from staff, governors and parents/carers, a decision has been taken to adjust the timings of the day from September 2026.

The consultation showed strong support for moving the day by five minutes and removing afternoon Tutor Time. These changes will help us strengthen routines, promote responsibility and maintain the high expectations we have for all students. To support this, we will introduce an electronic device pouch system, which will be locked and checked on entry to the Academy.



This means that mobile phones, smart watches, earphones, and any other digital devices will be secured each day and kept by students in their bags.

This change is an important step in ensuring that our building becomes a device-free environment. At present, our policy still allows opportunities for students to use phones, smart watches, or earphones within the building, and this can be difficult to manage consistently. We are committed to reducing personal screen time during the Academy day because we know it can affect learning, focus, and wellbeing.

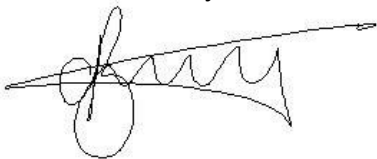
All students will be provided with their first pouch, and both students and staff will receive training on how to use the new system. Alongside this change, we will apply clear sanctions where students breach our expectations regarding mobile phones and other devices. In an ever-changing world, we remain committed to student safety and recognise that phones can be at the root of some of the most significant challenges young people face both in and out of the Academy. We appreciate the support of parents/carers as we implement these changes.

The Academy day from September 2026 will be as follows:

8:40am – 8:50am	Students arrive and lock their phones in pouches supervised by staff
8:50am – 9:10am	Tutor Time
9:10am – 10:00am	Lesson 1
10:00am – 10:50am	Lesson 2
10:50am – 11:10am	Break
11:10am – 12:00pm	Lesson 3
12:00pm - 12:50pm	Lesson 4
12:50pm – 1:20pm	Lesson 5/Lunch 1
1:20pm – 1:40pm	Lesson 5
1:40pm - 2:10pm	Lesson 5/Lunch 2
2:10pm – 3:00pm	Lesson 6
3:00pm – 3:10pm	Students leave and unlock their phone pouches supervised by staff

I believe these changes reflect our ongoing commitment to Community, Ambition, Respect, and Excellence, and will support high standards, strong routines, and the best possible learning environment for our students.

Yours faithfully,



Mr C Bury
Headteacher