



21<sup>st</sup> August 2017

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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

I would like to offer an early welcome back and I hope you are all managing to find time to relax and enjoy the summer. It seems like a good time to communicate with you about our expectations for the new school year as we look forward to a successful and busy 2017/2018.

We would like to remind you that all school uniform will now have to be ordered directly from our supplier. Academy School Uniforms offer an extensive and well established on-line purchasing facility with options to have garments delivered to your home address or, alternatively, into school during term time for pupils to collect. Please see their website for details [www.just-schoolwear.co.uk/shop/Toothill-School](http://www.just-schoolwear.co.uk/shop/Toothill-School). There is also a pop up shop here in school on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August from 10am to 2pm and it is envisaged that you will be able to take goods home from this at the time of purchase.

- 1. Uniform:** As I am sure you are aware we believe that a smart appearance is an important part of ensuring and securing high standards. We will continue to run a daily lunchtime detention for the minority of students who do not wear their uniform to the expected standard. We continue to have some issue with girls rolling up skirts for example, and we are keen to act on this quickly. Therefore, any uniform issues will result in a lunchtime detention the same day or the day after if after lunch. We very much appreciate the strong support that the vast majority of our parents give us over school uniform issues. The school dress code is available in detail on the school web-site, but I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our expectations and to clarify a number of issues, as you may be about to purchase items for the new school year.

School shoes should be formal in style and plain black. No trainers or shoes depicting sport company logos are permitted. Ballet style plimsolls/pumps are not acceptable. Please note that shoe laces and socks should also be black. Parents are reminded that as from January 2013 it has been a requirement that all pupils in Years 7 – 11 inclusive must wear the formal Toot Hill skirt/trousers bearing the school logo.

School coats should be plain black or dark coloured, water-proof, without logos and need to be worn over the school blazer. Hoodies and leather jackets are not allowed in school.

As you are aware it is traditional for Year 11 to wear a different tie. This will continue next year and the year group have already chosen their design. We are offering the opportunity for your child to exchange their current tie for the new tie at no extra cost. This will take place over the first week of September.

Students may wear a watch but no other jewellery is permitted due to health and safety issues and liability of loss. Please be advised that smart watches will not be allowed during assessment periods. Could you, therefore, ensure that they are not brought to school during this time as we cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage whilst exams are taking place.

If students wish to have any part of their body pierced they must arrange this at the beginning of the summer holidays so that the wound has sufficient time to heal. Plasters may not be worn to cover body jewellery. If pupils disregard this they will be isolated from other pupils until they comply with the regulation.

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Please can I also remind parents that extreme hairstyles (colour or style) are not allowed eg undercuts or patterns shaved into hair. Parents are advised to consult the Head of Year, in advance, if they are unsure as to school's expectations on this matter. The school shall be the arbiter of the term 'extreme'

2. **Mobile Phones:-** Please note that mobile phones are not permitted in school. If they are used in school they will be confiscated and can be collected by a responsible adult family member at the end of the school day.
3. **Planners:** Planners will once again be available for students in September and we would appreciate a contribution of £5.50 towards the cost. Our acceptable methods of payment are via our on-line payment system or by cheque, cash payments are discouraged. Please find a reply slip attached to this letter which should be brought in to Tutor Set on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September. Please note that no planner will be issued to your child without payment.
4. **Tutor Review Day:** One tutor review day is scheduled once again this year and will be held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017.
5. **Term dates:** We would like to remind you that students should return to school on **Monday 4th September**. Term will end for students on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, returning on Monday 8th January 2018.
6. **Illness and Absences:-** Please be aware that all communication about absences from school should go via our Attendance Officers in Student Services. You can phone or email them at [studentservices@toothillsschool.co.uk](mailto:studentservices@toothillsschool.co.uk)

Finally, a reminder about the importance of sensible and safe behaviour on the way to and from school, whether this is on foot, by car, by bike or by bus. There is frequently congestion around the entry point to school on The Banks as well as the car park, so I would therefore ask parents to consider dropping children off at a more appropriate place to reduce the build-up of traffic, therefore creating a safer route to school. Those children who travel on buses will already be aware of the possibility of being removed from the service if behaviour is not of the highest standard.

I very much look forward to welcoming your child back to School in September. In the meanwhile I hope that you enjoy the remainder of the summer and thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

*Jen Gray*  
Mrs J Gray  
School Leader

***Please return to your Tutor on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017***

Pupil Name ..... Tutor Set .....

I/We confirm that payment has been made using the online system.  
(password reminder available by emailing the Finance Dept on [finance@toothillschool.co.uk](mailto:finance@toothillschool.co.uk)).

I/We enclose £5.50 towards the cost of the Student Planner.  
Cheques should be made payable to Toot Hill School.

Signed ..... Date .....