

5th May 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

Following some questions from parents regarding equipment for school, I hope that this letter will clarify some basic expectations and also notify you of some exciting projects which are in place at King Alfred's.

As you are aware The King Alfred School has high expectations with regard to students being ready to learn, and places an emphasis on their being appropriately equipped for school. Recent research and school inspections throughout the UK have underlined the positive links between adherence to readiness to learn and improved student and school performance.

The following equipment is required for all students. Items are available to purchase from the School Library, at cost price:

- Sharp Scientific Calculator (£5.50)
- Pencil Case (£1)
- Protractor (35p)
- Short Ruler (10p)
- Eraser: small (5p) or large (10p)
- Pen (5p) x 2 black
- Pencil (5p) x 2
- Pencil Sharpener (5p)

The following items are optional:

- Handwriting Pen (20p)
- Long Ruler (15p)

Tutors will give students 24 hours to rectify a situation regarding missing equipment, in which time they can bring in money and go to the Library before Registration to make their purchases.

I would also like to take this opportunity to confirm that "fiddle toys" are not allowed in class. If a student has an identified SEN need, then the SENCO will put in place an appropriate item to help with focus (eg blue tack) and note this on their student passport, but otherwise they are not allowed due to the fact that they are a distraction to others.

Fantastic 50 - Students with 100% attendance between the 8th May and the 14th July will earn a place on a reward trip with their year group to the cinema in Burnham. We hope that you will support your child in being able to take advantage of this visit, and ensure that they are in school ready to learn every day.

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Uniform - We would particularly draw your attention to the guidance regarding footwear and piercings. With reference to footwear, trainers/branded sportswear shoes/plimsoll-style shoes/boots should not be worn. Regarding piercings, nose studs should not be worn at all for health and safety reasons (this includes clear 'retainers') and students should not have any other piercings except for 1 small stud per ear. Should your child wish to have their nose pierced, the coming summer holiday provides a 6 week healing period so that they can return to school able to remove the stud during the school day.

Prefects - We are very excited to launch our first Prefects' Programme for the current Year 10. Prefects will be selected from the Year 10 cohort and will play an integral part in the leadership of the school throughout the remainder of the summer term and into Year 11. In total up to 60 will be appointed in a variety of academic, pastoral and support roles, which will play to the strengths of a wide variety of students, with links ranging from Art, to ICT, to peer support. Please support your child to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity by encouraging them to apply before the deadline of Friday 26th May.

Anti-Bullying Policy Review – Thank you to those parents and carers who attended the first Parent/Carer Group meeting to look at how the School, families and the community can help to identify and prevent bullying. Our next meeting is on Monday, 22nd May 2017 from 4 – 6pm. We would welcome any additional parents who would wish to contribute. Students will also be contributing to the Review in tutor activities and PSHCE over the coming weeks. Please email thumphris@kingalfred.somerset.sch.uk if you would like to come.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P Matthews', written over a circular scribble.

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