



26 April 2024

Dear parents and carers.

Summer term priorities

Attendance: last week I wrote in detail about attendance, the impact of non-attendance on achievement, and the risk of being issued with fines for regular non-attendance in school. Clearly for those in Year 11 and Year 10 (RS) every lesson counts in the lead up to their GCSE examinations in the next few weeks, but it applies to all year groups. Thank you for those that support us and your child in excellent attendance. It pays off in the short and the long term.

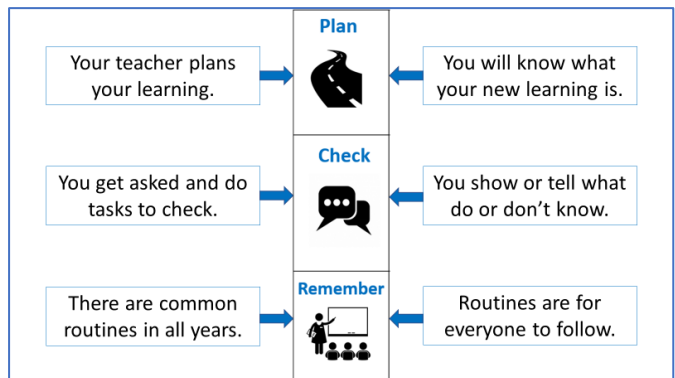
Uniform: the vast majority of students get this right every day and in doing so they reflect strong values, commitment and pride in coming to school and what they achieve in school.

I make no apology for us as a school taking a firm stance on uniform compliance. We are very clear on what our expectations are, including sanctions that will be applied when uniform standards are not met. If you are unsure, you can find our expectations and detail here: <https://www.lowtonhs.wigan.sch.uk/parents/uniform>

In particular, I would draw your attention to what is acceptable in terms of **coats**. As the weather becomes warmer (yes, it is happening gradually), it is worth looking at the images of what is and is not acceptable: [OUTDOOR COATS](#)

Learning: Of course, beyond attending school, and being ready with the right equipment and uniform, our main focus is on what happens in lesson. Our focus this term is captured in *Plan-Check-Remember*.

All our assemblies this term started with this focus as we want the highest standards of teaching so that your child learns to the best of their abilities. The key messages are summarised in the slide:



A reminder about revisions to our PE kit: Later this term we will be announcing details of revision to our school PE kit from September 2024, so if you are looking to purchase any new kit please wait a few weeks. No changes will come into effect until September 2024 and in the longer term will simplify the PE kit and by doing so help reduce costs in the longer term.

Thank you for all your support as always

Yours faithfully,

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