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Dear Parent

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family all the best for 2019 and issue some start of term information.

Health and Safety

It has been brought to our attention that there have been a few instances lately whereby students have been in altercations with members of the public. It is crucial that our students remember the key advice of keeping safe when walking to and from school and at lunchtimes for those who choose to leave the school campus. Students should walk in groups and be polite and positive when meeting members of the public. Remember that in any town or village, there are members of the public who are not always kind to young people and it is important that our young people stick to open areas and avoid interactions with strangers. Any incident should be reported to the school and police who will deal with this appropriately.

I would like to reiterate a message from previous correspondence that parents encourage their child to be as safe as possible as they travel to school – particularly encouraging cyclists to wear helmets and display lights when appropriate while ensuring those who walk to school stay on the pavements and be alert to the dangers of passing traffic.

Additionally, I would like to make what has become a regular plea to parents to avoid using the carpark as a drop-off point and thank parents for their recent efforts in ensuring their child is collected promptly from school events.

Uniform

We continue to make good progress on this matter and thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring that pupils wear the required uniform. Almost all are wearing appropriate black trousers/skirt, black footwear and their school tie correctly. There is, however, a cohort who are not buying into this ethos and we seek parental support in helping us to make the uniform a main priority as it sets the tone for high expectations which can permeate into the positive behaviour we wish to promote.

Parental Engagement

This continues to be a key priority and our very supportive parent council have developed a strategy to encourage more parental involvement including the following events:

- At the end of January - a parental survey will be emailed by the chair, Mrs Rhonda Geddes-Stewart
- Mid-February – Issue of whole school parental evaluation as issued this time last session
- The next parent council meeting will be Monday 28 January at 7pm in Rm 43. The main task will be to work on whole school policies and it is crucial that a wide range of parents are represented

Start of term for pupils and launch of new vision, values, aims and purpose statement

The key focus for assemblies held today was to launch our new vision statement and we have enclosed an overview document for parents to see on a single page what we are trying to achieve for our school community. Thank you to all parents who took part in the surveys, focus groups and general consultation around the creation of our new vision. This captures on a page what we are all trying to achieve at Milne's High School. We discussed the key theme of leadership and health as New Year's resolutions and how the school is taking forward a strategy, led by S6 students, on mental health awareness.

For our senior students, we are about to embark on Prelim exams, an opportunity for students to prepare for their final exams in May. A bespoke package 'January Horizons' has been developed for those students who do not have formal exams and this is an opportunity for them to develop the skills and experience required for their individual pathway. Furthermore, an organisation will visit to inform students about funding for those who intend moving on to college or university.

I thank you for your ongoing support of our vision to make Milne's High the best school it can be.

Yours sincerely



Trish Cameron
Head Teacher

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MILNE'S HIGH SCHOOL

our **VISION** is to

Provide a creative and ambitious learning environment where everyone is the best they can be

we **AIM** for all to

- Develop relationships, knowledge and skills
- Feel safe, happy, healthy and confident
- Celebrate our success
- Be provided with pathways that lead to success

our **VALUES** are



Deter**M**ination
Res**i**lience
Leadership
Ho**n**esty
Service
Res**s**pect

our **PURPOSE** is that

We are an aspirational community where the individual's potential is realised through opportunity and equity

— ALACRITATE AC STUDIO — EAGERNESS AND ENTHUSIASM —