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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of the spring term, I would like to thank you for your continued support. It has been a busy term since Christmas. I would like to thank you for your patience during the days when we were unable to open because of the disruption caused by snow. I think that everyone was glad to get back to normal and back to school by the end.

Term ends this **Thursday at 3.00 p.m.**, and we re-open on **Monday 16 April 2018** at our usual time, with breakfast club from 7.45 a.m. and main school from 8.30 a.m. Our School Office will be open between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. during the Easter vacation, with the exception of the Bank Holiday weekend. As we welcome in the summer term, I would like to remind parents/carers and pupils that our summer uniform is able to be worn after the Easter break. The school polo shirt can be worn in place of the normal school shirt and tie. Polo shirts can be worn either inside or outside of trousers and skirts. Polo shirts can be purchased from Little Gems or The Uniform Shop. These are listed in the uniform section of the school website (<http://www.venerablebede.co.uk/uniform.html>). Pupils must still wear the rest of their school uniform as usual, which includes our school blazer.

The summer term is where all of the hard work and determination of Year 11 is focussed on exams and making preparations for them moving into the next phase of their careers and lives. I would encourage our Year 11 to make the most of the time they have left and prepare as well as they can for what lies ahead. There are revision and intervention sessions scheduled in school over the Easter break, and all pupils should be doing some revision at home during this time. The first GCSE exam is only a few weeks after we return in April. I would like to wish all of our Year 11 good luck in their GCSE exams.

As one year group prepares to move on from our academy, another prepares to join. Once again we look forward to welcoming a new Year 7 cohort into our family. They will complete their induction in the second half of the summer term. I can confirm that we are fully subscribed for our new intake.

There are a couple of areas where we would really appreciate your support. The first is with car parking at the end of the school day. I appreciate that parking outside of school is limited, but respectfully ask everyone not to park on the no waiting restricted zone immediately outside of the school entrance. This makes it dangerous for our pupils and also restricts access for emergency services if required. Our local traffic enforcement service have identified that this parking is illegal and anyone parking here is liable to prosecution.

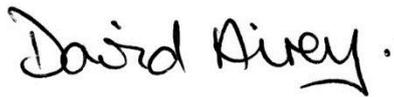


The second area relates to litter in and around all of our neighbourhoods. With the reduction of monies being allocated to public services, it is evident that some services formerly operating have ceased. This appears to be the case with litter-picking. Could I encourage us all to be mindful of dropping litter, and ask that we use appropriate bins.

I need to say a big well done to everyone. We have recently been presented with a “Cyber Safety Award” by Sunderland Local Authority, for the whole school approach we have to online safety.

Finally, I hope that you and your family have a peaceful and restful Easter break. I look forward to working alongside you as we move into the summer term.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Airey
Headteacher

