

February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach half term, we wanted to share our gratitude for your continued support so far this year. The partnership between parents/carers and our school community plays a vital role in the success of our students.

To ensure that we continue to maintain our high standards and expectations, we ask for your support in sharing the following reminders with students and for your support in reiterating the importance of these.

Uniform & Equipment

We have seen an increase in the number of plain black jumpers that are being worn to school. A reminder that all school jumpers should have the school logo displayed. If students in Years 7-10 choose to wear the back jumper, their blazer must also be worn.

No facial piercings are allowed, and students should only wear stud earrings. Any students seen to be wearing drop/hoop earring will be asked to remove them.

School ties are available to buy from our suppliers Clive Marks or Crested Schoolwear, should they be lost. We recommend labelling all items of school uniform, as this enables us to return items to the students should they lose them.

A full list of equipment for students is on the school website, or alternatively by clicking this link: <https://arthurterry.bham.sch.uk/files/2024/07/Uniform-list-Sept-2024.pdf>

There will be no requirement for students to bring in props for drama, these will be supplied by teachers as and when required.

Home School Communication

All information for parents will be emailed home to parents/carers who are listed as Priority Contact 1. In exceptional circumstances we will also text the mobile numbers listed against priority 1. If you are not receiving communication from us, please contact us via enquiry@arthurterry.bham.sch.uk.

When emailing into school, please note that we have a 48-hour turnaround on responses and all enquiries into school must be made by emailing enquiry@arthurterry.bham.sch.uk.

We have recently introduced daily student briefings into our tutor time programme. These briefings are to highlight key topics, charity days and any key messages that we need to share with students. In replacement of our termly newsletter, we will be summarising the student daily briefings for parents/carers and sending a weekly newsletter home so that you have an insight into what information is being shared with your child.

Reminder:- The year group email inboxes will no longer be monitored from Monday 24th February. Please use enquiry@arthurterry.bham.sch.uk for any questions, concerns, or correspondence moving forward. To help us address your message promptly, kindly include your child's full name and year group in your email.

Reception (phone lines open at 9.15 am and close at 4.00pm)

Can we remind parents that we do not accept items (e.g., books, PE kits, coats) into Reception. This also applies to general messages for students. Please endeavour to make any necessary arrangements with your child before the school day begins as this helps keep disruptions to a minimum during lessons. Please can we also remind parents to provide their child with a drinking bottle as cups cannot be provided.

Road safety

Students should be cautious when cycling to school, especially on Kittoe Road. Parents are reminded to use designated drop-off areas and avoid parking at the front of school, which is reserved for permit holders and emergency vehicles.

PE Lessons During Assessment Week

Due to the school assessment weeks, all PE lessons will take place outside after half term. Students will need to ensure they bring suitable outdoor kit which can include underlayers. Hoodies and sweatshirts not on the approved school kit list will not be permitted.

Twitter/ Facebook

The school advertises many of its events and important dates on Twitter and Facebook - Please follow us - Arthur Terry School @ArthurTerrySch & Arthur Terry School on Facebook.

School Enrichment Fund

At Arthur Terry school we strive to provide a nurturing and enriching environment that empowers our students to reach their full potential. Our Enrichment School fund continues to play a crucial role in supporting the various initiatives that directly benefit our students, departments, and the overall learning environment.

For more information, please click the following link. Please consider donating if you can.

<https://arthurtery.bham.sch.uk/parents/enrichment-fund/>

Yours sincerely

Leadership Group