

WALTON LEDALE HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Carer

As my first term as Deputy Headteacher at Walton-le-Dale High School draws to a close, I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the person who will be supporting the students as Mrs Laverty and Mrs Snape have done for a number of years. It has been a busy term but an immensely enjoyable one, during which I've immediately realised what a special place and school community Walton-le-Dale is.

After we've all enjoyed a restful summer, I wanted to ensure that you are able to prepare the students to return for a successful start in September.

Firstly, all parents and carers need to ensure that any uniform that you buy over the summer is correct so that any issues can be avoided in September. I'd like to refer you to the website which clearly details our uniform policy and clarifies any questions about shoes. Click on this link to go straight to our policy <https://www.waltonledale.lancs.sch.uk/parents/uniform>. Please make sure that any nails or piercing that are done over summer are removed in line with the school policy.

Similarly, we all want to ensure that the students are fully equipped and ready to learn with a pen, pencil, ruler and a school bag which can usefully hold everything they need.

This year there have been a number of issues with mobile phones that have escalated in school. There will not be any changes to the rules about mobile phones in school as we trust the students to use them as responsible young people. However, we need parents to be clear with the students about what the rules are and what happens if these rules are broken.

During the forthcoming year, we will be introducing 'Classcharts' to our community. This is a computer system that we will be using to record attendance in lessons and all the achievements that the students will be getting. This will also include a parent Classcharts App that will enable you to see all of this information. More information will follow during the year.

Thank you for your support and have a great summer.

Thank you

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