



Talking Heads 

TAKEOVER

We are “taking over” the usual style of this week’s bulletin to launch the language **READY, RESPECTFUL** and **SAFE**, which will drive a shift in culture for us all.



A New Focus: Ready, Respectful, Safe

As part of our commitment to creating a more positive and purposeful school culture, we are introducing a renewed focus on three simple but powerful values: **Ready, Respectful, Safe**. These will underpin our expectations and interactions throughout the school, helping every student to succeed and feel part of a calm, respectful community.

We are asking for your support as parents and carers to help reinforce these values at home, ensuring that we work together to build a school environment where every child can thrive.

The children will be hearing these words very often in school - we would love to have your support with them hearing the same messages at home.

Ready



We are expecting students to arrive to every lesson on time, fully equipped and prepared to learn. Being **ready** means starting lessons calmly, engaging positively, completing homework on time, and revising regularly for assessments. Students should sit according to the seating plan and begin ‘Do Now’ activities silently on entry. These daily habits lay the groundwork for academic success.

Respectful



Respect is key to a supportive and inclusive school culture. We are reinforcing the importance of speaking politely to peers and staff, listening actively, and allowing one voice at a time in class. Following instructions first time and not distracting others are small but powerful ways students can show they value the learning environment and each other.

Safe



Safety is about physical wellbeing and emotional security. We expect students to avoid rough play, handle equipment sensibly, and be mindful of their behaviour both offline and online. Arriving promptly to registration and lessons also supports a safe and orderly start to the day. To keep students safe through the day, they should always be in their timetabled lessons.

WHAT’S NEW?

Following recent consultation with parents and students, we have made some *tweaks to our **uniform policy*** to ensure it remains clear, fair and practical. We appreciate your feedback and continued support in upholding these standards.

Additionally, we are making improvements to **tutor time**. This time will be known as **Crew**. The tutor becomes Crew Leader and the group itself will be known as your child’s Crew; e.g. 8KG will become Crew KG. This will become a more supportive and discussion-based part of the school day, focused on building relationships, developing key skills, and exploring relevant topics in a calm and respectful setting. As part of this change, we will no longer be asking students to line up formally each morning, allowing for a more welcoming and purposeful start to the day.

From 30th June, when we have next year’s Year 7 cohort in school with us for their Transition Days, all other Year groups will also transition “up”. Another exciting change is that we will be creating year group supportive teams, led by the Director of Year Group, to include the Crew Leaders, Wellbeing Leaders, Department Leads and members of the Leadership Group. We will also launch new “Reflection Spaces” specific to each year group - in place of the old “Pastoral” building. We will be leading assemblies this week to share the details for each year.

Together, with your encouragement and support at home, we believe these changes will make a real difference to the daily experience of all students. Thank you for being a valued partner in this important work and we are hopeful you will also develop a good relationship with your child’s Crew Leader - who, where possible, will stay with them throughout their time in school.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Click [here](#) to view our upcoming events. Events at a glance:

Friday 27th June – Sports Day
Thursday 17th July – Summer Serenade Performance
Monday 21st July – Sponsored Walk

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