



Penistone Grammar School

Never Stop Flying

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Dear Parents and Carers

Temporary Change of Uniform Policy in Response to Extreme Hot Weather Prediction

As you will have undoubtedly heard about in the news, next week temperatures are expected to soar to as high as 32° on Monday and 35° on Tuesday. In response to this, we have adjusted our uniform policy for Monday and Tuesday of next week.

To support students with the hot weather conditions, they will have 2 choices:

1. To wear their normal school uniform (including black school shoes), without the house tie and blazer.
2. To wear full PE kit: red top, black shorts, and socks.

No other variations of our uniform policy will be permitted, and all other expectations (for example, those in relation to jewellery, makeup and nail varnish) will remain.

We will also be adapting our lunch menu and will be offering a wider range of cold sandwiches and baguettes, a selection of cold wraps and pitta with salad and coleslaw, pots of salted tortilla, fruit, home bakes and (subject to delivery by our supplier) ice pops. Our catering team will be in touch with the parents and carers of students who have allergens directly, to discuss the changes.

To keep themselves safe in the extreme hot weather, there are additional measures your child should take:

- Please ensure your child brings an appropriate refillable bottle for water, and that they understand the importance of hydrating throughout the day.
- If your child intends to go outside during the day, please consider sending them with a hat and/or sunglasses to wear (please note, these will not be permitted inside the building).
- Please ensure your child has applied sunscreen with an SPF of 30+ and that they reapply this regularly if going outside.

PGS Live! - Tuesday 19 July

It's not too late to get your tickets for next week's grand event PGS Live! We have a star-studded line up planned for the event, which includes local legends and former students, Hannah Rowe (17:30), Tom Masters (18:30) and our headline act, Europe's premier Elvis tribute, 'A Vision of Elvis', who will take to the stage at 19:30.



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Aim High



Be Determined



Be Brave



Be Supportive



Be Proud

There will be music and drama performances throughout the evening from our students, as well as food vendors selling a wide range of street food including everything from pizza to Caribbean delights. There will be a gin bar and Bradford Brewery, tuck shops and a huge inflatable assault course! It promises to be a fantastic evening and we would love to see as many of you there as possible. Tickets are available to buy from ParentPay or our school reception priced at £7.50 for adults, £5.00 for children (under 2's free), or you can buy a family ticket (4 people, maximum 2 adults) for £20. We have limited carparking available; spaces can be reserved through ParentPay at a cost of £2 per car (free to disabled badge holders).

PenFest – Wednesday 20 July

As has become a much-loved tradition at PGS, we shall come together as a school community on the final day of term for our PenFest celebration, where students will be able to enjoy time with their friends and take part in range games and activities for the afternoon. As part of the afternoon, students will have the opportunity to buy sweets, drinks and ice creams, so please ensure that your child has some money with them should they wish to participate in this, as we will be unable to release money from their cashless catering account.

On Wednesday, students will be permitted to attend school in non-uniform. Please note that clothing should be appropriate for school; revealing tops/strapless tops, very short skirts or micro shorts, clothing with inappropriate or offensive slogans or images and extremely ripped jeans will not be permitted.

As part of our PenFest celebrations, this year we have the exciting addition of an inflatable obstacle course, which will allow 3 participants at a time to complete to the finish, by jumping, running, bouncing, and sliding through inflatable obstacles. There will also be an inflatable penalty shoot-out, giant space hoppers and several 'duelling' activities including 'bouncy boxing', 'gladiator duel' and 'pillow bash'.

These activities will be supervised by staff and used in accordance with the hirer's terms and conditions permit. Protective helmets will be provided and must be worn at all times by those taking part.

If your child would like to take part in any of our inflatable activities next week, we will require your consent for them to do so in advance of the day. Providing consent is quick and easy; just follow the link: [PenFest 2022: Consent for Inflatables](#).

We are only able to accept consent via the link above and will be unable to allow any students for whom we do not have consent, to access any of our inflatable activities.

I will be in touch again next week with more information about arrangements for the new academic year. In the interim, should you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us via email to enquiries@penistone-gs.uk.

Yours sincerely

Mr Paul Crook
Principal

