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Dear Parents/Guardians

End of Term Letter – Spring 2010

Term finishes on Friday 26 March at the usual time. The Summer term begins on 12 April at 8.30 a.m. We have had another busy and successful term. The termly newsletter is being issued with this letter and gives an overview of the range of activities in which our students have been involved. Apart from everything else this term has seen enormous progress in the design of our new school and the process of appointing our new Headteacher has been completed with the appointment of Dr Hicks. I am sure you will join me in congratulating him and wishing him well.

Mrs S Hebbes – LRC Manager is retiring at the end of this term. We wish her well for the future.

School Uniform: Standards of uniform have been very good during the last term. However please could you ensure that any necessary replacements are purchased during the holidays and adhere to our requirements. Please do not allow your son or daughter to wear hoodies, non standard sweatshirts or top coats which are not plain black.

Equipment: A number of students have been coming to school without basic equipment such as writing materials, calculators and books. They should also bring planners every day. We would appreciate your support over this.

Mobile phones/ MP3 players/iPods A reminder that mobile phones must be switched off and in bags at all times in school. MP3 players/iPods are not to be used in lessons or while walking around the school. Pupils breaking this rule can expect equipment to be confiscated.

Travel Behaviour Code (Attached)

The majority of St Cyres pupils behave well whilst travelling to and from school; however poor and disruptive behaviour is a real threat to safety and can have tragic consequences. The Welsh Assembly Government has introduced statutory guidance which promotes safe travel for all learners, by setting out the standards of behaviour required.

The 'Travel Behaviour Code' is compulsory for all learners and it applies to all modes of travel to and from education institutions. This includes contract buses, public buses, public trains, walking, taxis, scooters and motorbikes, cycling and journeys in learner's own or other's cars.

Pupils must comply with the Code whilst travelling to and from their place of learning. This includes journeys between institutions during the day, not just at the beginning and end of the day. The Code forms part of a school's behaviour policy and therefore the head teacher is able to take action against pupils who misbehave when they are travelling from home to school, but not on the premises of the school and are not under the lawful control or charge of a member of the staff of the school.

With all good wishes for the Easter break.

Yours sincerely

B P Lightman
Headteacher

Travel Behaviour Code

Your safety is very important. You must behave responsibly and safely when travelling to and from school or college, whether you go there by bus, train, taxi, bicycle, walking or any other way. If you get a bus to school or college, you must also follow the rules in the School Bus Travel Behaviour Code.

If you do not follow this Code, for your own safety, and other people's, local authorities, schools and colleges can take action against you. This might involve taking away your right to school transport and even excluding you from school.

Your Responsibility	Your Safety	Your Rights
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Always respect others, including other pupils, drivers and the public.• Always respect vehicles and property.• Always be polite.• Never drop litter.• Always obey the law.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Always behave well when travelling.• Always follow the driver's instructions when travelling.• You must not distract drivers.• Always travel by a safe route.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To be safe when travelling.• To be treated fairly and with respect.• To tell someone if somebody or something is causing you problems.• Not to be bullied or picked on.
<p><i>Please tell a teacher, parent or driver about any bad behaviour or bullying you see.</i></p>		

School Bus travel Behaviour Code

- When at the bus stop, always wait sensibly, off the road.
- Make an agreement with your parents what to do if the bus does not arrive.
- When the bus arrives, wait for it to stop. Never push or rush for the door.
- Show your bus pass (if you have been given one) when you get on the bus.
- On a school bus stay in your seat for the whole journey.
- On a public bus find a seat if one is available.
- Never block the aisle with your bag or other belongings.
- Always wear a seatbelt if one is provided.
- You must not distract the driver when he or she is driving.
- Never eat or drink on the bus.
- Never throw anything in or from the bus.
- Never damage or vandalise any part of the bus.
- Never operate the bus doors or exits, except in an emergency.
- Always follow the instructions of the driver or passenger assistant at all times.
- If there is an accident, stay on the bus until you are told to leave, If it is unsafe to stay on the bus then leave by the safest exit.
- Never try and get on or off the bus until it has stopped.
- Always get off the bus sensibly, taking all your belongings with you.
- Never cross the road in front of or close behind the bus.