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Principal's Termly Update to Parents and Carers

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of another academic year, I wanted to take the opportunity to thank you for your continued support and to reflect on what has been a remarkable year for The Prescot School.

Over the past year, we have continued our journey of improvement with a relentless focus on ensuring that every student achieves their academic potential, develops as a young person, and leaves our school prepared for a happy and successful future. We have remained committed to maintaining the highest expectations, creating a consistent and predictable environment, and ensuring that every child benefits from an ambitious curriculum alongside strong pastoral care.

This year has been one of significant progress, and our students, staff and wider community should be incredibly proud of what has been achieved.

Celebrating Our Successes

Over the last twelve months we have seen:

- Continued improvements in attendance, resulting in more students being in school every day and benefiting from high-quality teaching.
- Significant reductions in persistent absence, ensuring more young people are accessing the opportunities they deserve.
- A calmer, more purposeful environment across the school, where learning can flourish.
- Improved standards of behaviour, conduct, and uniform.
- Stronger teaching and learning through a consistent approach and ongoing staff development.
- Improved provision for students with SEND, with high expectations and inclusion at the heart of our approach.
- Increased participation in enrichment activities, leadership opportunities, and wider school life.
- A significant increase in applications from families choosing The Prescot School, demonstrating growing confidence in the school from our local community.

Most importantly, our students are achieving more, attending more regularly, developing greater confidence, and showing every day that they are capable of great things.

OUR VISION

WE ARE COMMITTED TO NURTURING WELL-ROUNDED INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ACADEMICALLY PREPARED, SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE, AND EQUIPPED WITH THE SKILLS TO THRIVE IN A RAPIDLY CHANGING WORLD



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A School and Community Moving Forward Together

Visitors to the school frequently comment on the positive atmosphere, the respectful relationships between staff and students, the pride students take in their school and the ambition that is evident throughout the building.

The progress we have made has not happened by chance. It has been the result of a collective effort from students, staff, governors, parents, and carers all sharing the same goal: to provide the very best education and opportunities for our young people.

Whilst we are proud of the progress made so far, we know our journey continues. We remain ambitious and determined to build on these foundations so that every student leaves The Prescott School with the knowledge, qualifications, character, and confidence to lead a successful life.

A Fond Farewell to Colleagues

As we celebrate the successes of this year, it is also important to recognise colleagues who will be leaving The Prescott School at the end of this academic year.

I would like to sincerely thank Peter Adekoke, Isobel Bloore, Dean Timmons and Emma Earps for their service, commitment, and contribution to our school community. Each has played an important role in supporting our students and helping our school move forward, and we wish them every success and happiness in the future.

I would also like to pay special tribute to Lesley Black and Steve Mawdsley, who together have dedicated more than 70 years of service to The Prescott School.

Between them they have supported generations of students, worked alongside countless colleagues, and witnessed enormous changes within our school and local community. Their unwavering commitment, professionalism and care have helped shape the school that we are today. Their contribution extends far beyond their respective roles; they have been part of the very fabric of The Prescott School.

On behalf of our students, staff, governors, parents, and carers, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Lesley and Steve for their extraordinary service. Their legacy will remain long after they leave, and I know our entire community will join me in wishing them both a long, healthy, and very happy retirement.

Thank You

Finally, I would like to thank every parent and carer for your continued support throughout the year. Your partnership with us is crucial, and together we have made a real difference to the lives of our young people.

I would also like to thank our exceptional staff, who work tirelessly every day to support our students and who have played such a significant role in the improvements we have seen

across the school. The commitment, care and ambition shown by our staff is something I am incredibly proud of.

As we look ahead, we do so with confidence. The Prescott School continues to improve at pace, our ambitions remain high and our belief in what our young people can achieve has never been stronger.

On behalf of everyone at The Prescott School, I wish you and your family a safe, restful, and enjoyable summer break.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Reynolds', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr. M. Reynolds
Principal

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Newsletter: <https://sway.cloud.microsoft/crAngNc8CFMcr7Pk?ref=email>

September Return Arrangements (first week)

We hope you all have a wonderful summer break and look forward to welcoming our students back in September.

Thursday 3 September 2026

Only Year 7 and Year 11 students should attend school on this day.

Year 7

- **8:20am** – Arrive and line up.
- Students will spend the morning in tutor groups, receive their timetables, attend a welcome assembly, and have time to familiarise themselves with the school.
- The school day will finish at the normal time.

Year 11

- **10:00am** – Arrive and line up.
- Students will go to tutor groups before attending a year group assembly.
- The school day will finish at the normal time.

Friday 4 September 2026

All year groups will be in school. Please note that Year 11 have different start times on this day only.

Year Group	Arrival Time	Where to Go
Year 7	8:30am	Straight to line up *
Year 8	8:30am	Straight to line up *
Year 9	8:30am	Straight to line up *
Year 10	8:30am	Straight to line up *
Year 11	10:30am	Straight to line up before joining lessons

***Early start on this Friday ONLY**

We look forward to welcoming all students back and wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer holiday.

MOBILE PHONES AND SMARTWATCHES IN SCHOOL

The government has recently strengthened national expectations around the use of mobile phones in schools. Schools are now required to ensure that pupils are not using mobile phones or smart devices during the school day. This reinforces what many schools already have in place to protect learning, behaviour, and student wellbeing.

At Prescott School, we fully support this national expectation.

WHY THIS IS IN PLACE

This is not simply a school decision — it reflects national policy direction and statutory expectations that schools create environments free from unnecessary digital distraction. The purpose of this approach is to ensure that all students can:

- Access high-quality teaching without interruption
- Stay fully focused in lessons.
- Avoid distractions from social media, messaging, and notifications.
- Develop stronger learning habits and concentration skills.
- Feel safe from online pressures during the school day.

Research consistently shows that even the presence of a phone can reduce concentration, memory retention, and classroom engagement. Removing access during the school day helps remove this barrier to learning entirely.

PRESCOT SCHOOL APPROACH

To support a calm, focused learning environment, mobile phones, and smartwatches are not permitted to be used during the school day.

On arrival to school, students' devices will be:

MORNING COLLECTION

Each morning during tutor time:

- Students will place their mobile phone to in a secure phone cabinet.
- Each student will be allocated a numbered space within a secure phone cabinet.
- Students are responsible for knowing their allocated number.
- The phone cabinet will then be secured and collected.

Once collected, all phones will be stored in a secure locked location for the duration of the school day.

Devices remain securely stored until the end of the school day, when they are returned to students.

This ensures there are no distractions during lessons, social time, or movement around school.



END OF DAY COLLECTION

Mobile phones will be returned during tutor time at the end of the school day.

This will take place between:

2:55pm – 3:05pm

Students are expected to leave school site with their phone once it has been returned.

STUDENTS ATTENDING DETENTION

Where students are attending a detention, their phone will be transferred to a secure detention storage box before the end of the school day.

Phones will remain securely stored throughout the detention and will be returned when the detention has been completed.

This ensures that our expectations around a phone-free environment remain consistent for all students.

SMARTWATCHES

Smartwatches are treated in the same way as mobile phones. Even when not actively used, they can:

- Receive notifications.
- Allow messaging or internet access.
- Distract students during lessons.
- Undermine focus and learning routines.

For this reason, smartwatches are **BANNED** from The Prescott School.

WHY THIS IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO

This approach is in place to protect what matters most — learning, wellbeing, and student success.

By removing access to phones and smart devices during the school day, we:

- Ensure lessons are calm, focused, and uninterrupted.
- Reduce distractions and behaviour issues linked to phone use.
- Support better relationships between students.
- Promote face-to-face communication and social development.
- Help students build independence away from constant digital stimulation.

Ultimately, this policy ensures that every child at Prescott School has equal access to learning without the pressure or distraction of mobile technology.

IF STUDENTS DO NOT HAND THEIR PHONES IN

We expect all students to comply with our mobile phone procedures.

If a student does not hand in a phone and staff have reasonable grounds to believe they are in possession of one, the school may carry out screening procedures using a handheld wand or undertake searches in accordance with school policy and Department for Education guidance.

These procedures are designed to:

- Maintain a phone-free environment.
- Protect learning time.
- Ensure consistency for all students.
- Support the safety and wellbeing of our school community.

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP

We ask for full support from parents and carers in reinforcing this expectation at home.

When school and home are consistent, students understand clearly that:

- The school day is for learning.
- Phones and smart devices are not needed during this time.
- Expectations apply to everyone equally.

This consistency is key to ensuring success for all learners.