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Dear Parents and Carers

After a long half term, I would like to update parents and carers on several important matters.

### General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

On the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2018 the GDPR will come into effect and will result in various changes concerning how we control your data. In order to comply with the new European Bill we have reviewed and updated our privacy policy appropriately. You can review our new policy on the website, which includes information on how we use your personal information and your right.

### Staffing

I am very pleased to say that we have been successful in appointing new members of staff to vacancies for September. Teacher recruitment is a national issue, however, we are very lucky that our school continues to attract candidates of the highest calibre. Mr Foreman (previously Head of Department of Maths, Wymondham College) – Head of Maths

Mr Jay (previously Head of Department of Arts, Lynn Grove Academy) – Head of Creative Arts

Miss Eden (Newly Qualified Teacher) – English

Miss Washington (Newly Qualified Teacher) – Geography

### Britain's Got Talent

As you may know, Jack Goodacre, Year 8 has been extremely successful in 'Britain's Got Talent' and now is in the semi-final which air on 28<sup>th</sup> May. We are all very proud of his achievements and do hope that you join the school in supporting him, perhaps by voting for him.

### School Conduct

As you may be aware, during lunchtime we have had several altercations between students. Although, isolated and few in number, it has created an unpleasant atmosphere at times. Can I reassure parents, that the school takes a very firm line with such behaviour as set out in the school's behaviour policy. Many of the incidents are initiated on social media and I would encourage parents and carers to monitor your child's social media usage.



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Summer Uniform

After half term there is no longer a requirement to wear school blazers. All other aspects of the uniform code still apply; can I remind parents that coats should not be worn as a substitute for blazers.

Mobile Phone use

As you know the school has a clear policy regarding mobile phones, which need to be turned off and put away, unless a member of staff has authorised their use. Any inappropriate phone use will lead to phones being confiscated and returned at the end of the day. If you wish to contact your son/daughter during the school day, please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher

