



# Ian Ramsey Church of England Academy

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Below are a number of key messages that we need to share, as we look forward to the new academic year in September 2018.

## Sustainability

I am sure, like me, there are a number of you that were gripped and touched by the programme 'Blue Planet II' this year. As a result, we have been looking at ways in which we can improve our environmental footprint. The first thing we are doing is getting rid of **single use plastic bottles**. We will **no longer sell** them in the academy and we will **no longer allow pupils to bring them into the academy**. To ensure pupils can drink during the day, I have, with the help of Vision for Education', sourced **a free re-usable water bottle** for each of the children. These can be re-filled using the water fountains and taps across the academy. However, children may choose to bring in their own re-usable water bottle into the academy – as many do already. Currently, we sell and dispose of 1000 plastic bottles a day. That is 5000 a week and 195 000 a year. This amounts to nearly **1 million plastic bottles** during the 5 years a child is at secondary school!

The second thing we are going to do is to communicate electronically with parents, rather than sending huge amounts of paper copies of letter etc. home. We have a number of ways in which we are going to do this.

### 1. School Ping

You have asked us to continue to improve home -school communication. As a result of this feedback, from September 2018, Ian Ramsey Academy will be using the parent app 'School Ping' to communicate whole school information to parents and carers. **School Ping is a popular (free) app** already used by many schools and aims to get information to parents in a much quicker, more effective way.

At the start of the new school year, all parents/carers will be invited to download the School Ping app and be given their own log in code. This will allow you to set up the app on your android or iOS device in order to receive information from the academy. The app will also allow you to:

- Receive messages, letters and newsletters.
- Book parents evening appointments on your mobile device.
- Access a handy school calendar, so you can see all school events/appointments at a glance.
- Give permission for trips.

The Academy hopes this will make communicating home much easier and quicker, as well as helping the environment, by cutting down on the amount of paper we use each year. Information will also be sent out via email, academy website, Facebook and Twitter.

Details of how to download, log on and use the app will be sent out shortly.



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## 2. ClassCharts

Class Charts is an online system, which teachers use to track achievement and behaviour throughout the school day. We believe in working closely with parents and, one of the key benefits of using Class Charts is, that we are able to securely share your child(s) achievement and behaviour report with you and so, keep you up to date in real-time.

Each child has a unique access code, which we will issue to parents.

Once you have been issued with a code, you will need to create an account and enter the code here:

<https://www.classcharts.com/parent/login>

Links to mobile phone apps are also available to parents from this page.

If you have more than one child in the school then you can enter additional codes once you have created an account and are logged in. Please do get in touch if you have any questions.

## Uniform from September 2018



### **Girls Uniform - Compulsory**

Blazer with Badge from £26.00

Four Button Skirt from £26.50

or Pinafore from £33.50

or Grey (non-lycra) trousers from £13.00

White shirt and School tie (£6)

or Blouses with the school logo (pack of 2) from £16.00

### **Optional**

Knitted jumper with badge from £15.00

Knitted tank top from £15.00

Knitted cardigan from £15.50

### **Compulsory**

Blazer with badge from £26.00

White collared shirts

School tie £6

Grey trousers from £13.00

### **Optional**

Knitted jumper with badge from £15.00

Knitted tank top from £15.00

Skirts/pinafore dresses must be worn **below the knee**

### Compulsory PE Uniform

**Sports Polo** - from £13.45

**Reversible Rugby Shirt (male only)** - from £18.50

**Embroidered Shorts** - from £9.95

**Embroidered Skort** - from £13.75

**Sports Socks** - from £4.50

### Optional PE Uniform

**Embroidered Base Layer** – from £15.50

**Embroidered Hoody** from - £19.95

**Sports Jacket (Full and 1/4 Zip)** – from £18.50

**Embroidered Track Bottoms** - £17.70

**Ladies Embroidered Leggings** (Only to be worn under shorts/skorts) from £15.25

**Pack of 24 Name Tapes** £3.00



I would like to thank you for your support in helping to raise standards at Ian Ramsey Church of England Academy over the last academic year.

To avoid any confusion or misinterpretation, you have asked if we can publish clear guidelines for acceptable standards of uniform from September. We welcome your support in ensuring your son/daughter conforms to these requirements:

- **Black leather or suede** shoes. Fashion shoes or trainers such as Ted Baker/Nike are **not** appropriate. Please go to our website to see some images of some acceptable shoes.
- Equipment – pupils will require a bag big enough to carry their equipment and school books. They are expected to bring 2 pens, a pencil and a ruler. Pupils in Years 7 and 8 are also expected to bring a reading book to school.
- Jewellery – **one pair of small studs** (to be worn in their earlobes) and a wristwatch. Other jewellery is unacceptable and pupils will be asked to remove it. The school does not accept any responsibility for the loss of jewellery.
- Smart watches and bluetooth headphones are not to be brought into the academy.
- Make-up – pupils in Year **9, 10 and 11 only** may wear minimal, natural foundation. Pencilled in eyebrows, tattooed eyebrows, false eyelashes, acrylic nails, gel nails, nail varnish, contouring, bronzer, blusher etc. are **NOT** acceptable and pupils will be required to remove them. Fake tan is not permitted. Make-up will be confiscated from pupils if it is brought into the academy.
- Mobile phones – pupils are allowed to bring mobile phones to school **at the discretion of parents. All mobile phones must be switched off at the gate and placed in the pupil's locker.** It is the responsibility of the pupils to ensure their phone is kept safe, as the academy does **not** take any responsibility for the loss of any phone and we are not insured to replace lost phones. If a mobile phone is seen or used during the day, it will be confiscated and held in the safe until the end of the school day. Repeat offences will require parents to collect

the phone. The Headteacher retains the right to ban a pupil from bringing a mobile phone onto the premises for repeated offences.

- Hairstyles – pupils are only permitted to have natural hair colours and no extreme or unnatural colours are allowed. Hair styles must not be shorter than a No.3. Lines and patterns cannot be shaved in hair or eyebrows.
- Energy drinks or fizzy drinks are not allowed and will be confiscated and disposed of.
- Large amounts of sweets, biscuits, chocolate etc. are not permitted in the academy and will be confiscated and disposed of. Chewing gum is not permitted in the academy.
- We recommend roll-on or stick deodorants, as aerosols are also not allowed in the academy due to the sensitivity of the fire alarms. Any found will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support, as we work in partnership, to provide the best possible secondary school experience for our children. We hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer with your family and friends and look forward to welcoming the children back to Ian Ramsey in September 2018.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "B. Janes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "B" and a horizontal line underneath the name.

Mr B. Janes (Head Teacher)