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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second part of the Spring Term. I hope everyone had a super half-term break.

As the weather gets warmer, the mornings and nights get lighter and new life begins to bloom, this half term presents many opportunities for us as a school, too. I have included a list of some important dates for this half term below:

- 19th February to 1st March – Year 11 PPEs
- Friday 1st March – Offer of secondary school places to prospective Year 7 children
- Wednesday 6th March – Year 8 Parents Evening (open to all Year 8 parents)
- Wednesday 6th March – 2pm Parent Drop-In (open to all parents, further details to follow)
- Wednesday 13th March – Year 7 Parents Evening (open to all Year 7 parents)

For our children to be successful, there must be a strong partnership between parents, children, and the school. The events listed above, provide excellent opportunities for us to work closely together. I look forward to seeing many of you at these events.

Uniform

There are many reasons that a school has a uniform including identity, belonging and equality. Our uniform expectations are a non-negotiable part of belonging to our EGS family. I know that we have great parental support with regards to uniform for the reasons given above, but as with all elements of school life, our message is stronger when given in partnership. I appreciate all you are doing to ensure that children arrive to school in the morning in full uniform, including an EGS tie, Ellis Guilford blazer, black polishable shoes, trousers or skirt which is of a reasonable knee-length.

Attendance

Our attendance is improving all the time. Thank you again, for all you are doing to ensure your children arrive to school on time. School begins at 8.40am every day for all children. Being on time means that children get the day off to the best start, including receiving extremely important messages in 'Community' that allow them to be successful.

Mobile Phones and Social Media

Mobile Phones are not permitted to be used on school site. There are no exceptions to this. If children are seen using a mobile phone, the device will be confiscated. Children will be able to collect this from reception at the end of the day. Children are in school to learn, and mobile phones provide too easy a



distraction away from our core business of learning. Whilst I understand that many children have used of a mobile phone, whilst in school these need to remain in bags and switched off.

I would also like to ask for your support to monitor your child's use of social media. You will be aware that social media presents many risks to our children. All too often, the issues that are created in school between friendships, happen because of social media use outside of school. We need to do everything we can to prevent issues of this nature happening.

I will write to you separately this term with some further details around social media use.

Thank you again for your continued support.

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