

Friday 18th September 2009

Dear Parents,

Ref. School Uniform, Parental Consultation, Photography and Staffing Update

I would like to thank you once again for all of your efforts in ensuring that our pupils are so smartly turned out at the start of the new term and continue to maintain their appearance. Our pupils have been regularly complimented by visitors and by the community for wearing their smart new uniforms. If parents have any concerns or uncertainty about uniform or kit, our office or PE staff are here to help.

Communication with parents is vitally important to our partnership with you and it is a two way process so please do contact your child's form tutor if there are any concerns you might have. Your child's Planner is the ideal way to exchange information between home and school on an individual basis. Our newsletter (ECHO) will be published again in two weeks time and will also be available on our extensive website – www.etonbury.com which is currently being updated. Invitations for our forthcoming parents' consultations, which are informal, have been sent home today for years 5 and 6; 7 and 8 will be sent home next Friday. I would like to remind you that years **5 and 6 (KS2) will be held on Thursday 1st October (3.00pm - 6.00pm)** and years **7 and 8 (KS3) on Wednesday 7th October (4.00pm - 6.00pm)**.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that from time to time, during the school year, pupils might be photographed when engaged in school activities. Examples of this include photographs taken by staff to promote our school on the website, classroom display or presentations to parents. In addition, parents like to photograph or video concerts, sports day etc. The local press are also invited into school to photograph our activities. This has not been a problem for us as pupils are not individually identified and indeed parents and pupils welcome these opportunities. However, if any parent is concerned please let us know, we will do our best to accommodate your wishes and discuss our policy with you.

I am pleased to inform you that Mr Bodger is making good progress following recent further eye surgery and we wish him a speedy recovery and return to Etonbury. It is not easy to engage suitably qualified and experienced teachers at short notice but working with our own cover supervisors and supply staff, we are doing our utmost to ensure that Mr Bodger's teaching commitments are suitably covered in his absence by Mrs Butler, who worked with us throughout last year. Senior colleagues and I will continue to monitor the situation closely.

Finally, please do not hesitate to contact your **child's form tutor** if there are still any issues regarding their settling in process over the next few weeks.

Yours sincerely

Ian Mitchell
Headteacher