

I hope you have a restful and enjoyable break with your family over this Easter holiday. We will close the school on Friday 31st March at 1.30pm. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 17th April for what we know will be a successful new term.

As part of continued support towards helping our children to become strong Witton Citizens, we are going to be focusing on both the values and standards that we develop in school. We call this 'The Witton Way'.



This is made up of three values: to be aspirational, resilient and respectful - core values at the heart of all religions and cultures. The vast majority of children in school have bought into these values and we are extremely proud of them.



There are, however, some children who are struggling to adapt to these values. With your support, we can work together to continue to raise standards by embedding the correct culture across school where everyone feels safe and secure, so that we can continue to succeed together.

The information below lists the areas we will be placing a particular emphasis on which all pupils will be expected to follow:

Uniform

Our school uniform is non-negotiable. It promotes pride, self-confidence and a feeling of belonging within the student body, as well as showing respect towards our school and its values. Any child not in school uniform will be provided with a uniform item from our supply, where the cost will be taken out of their ParentPay account. Any children who refuse to comply will be asked to go home to prepare themselves appropriately for the school day.

Truancy

Truancy shows a lack of respect for staff and children in classes as it disrupts learning. Children who are aspirational attend all lessons - even when the work may feel challenging at times. If a child truant a lesson (i.e. is too late to a lesson to learn effectively), they will receive a telephone call home to arrange a meeting with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Mobile Phones

We show respect for the lesson and each other by ensuring mobile phones are kept inside bags during lesson time. If mobile phones are seen in lessons, children will be reminded of the expectation. If phones continue to be used they will be taken off children and removed to the main office. Should this occur a second time, the mobile phone will be kept in school until parents collect. The school has no responsibility for personal mobile phones.

The actions above will begin straight after Easter. Children will attend assemblies where they will be reminded of these expectations.

I am sure we will all welcome these actions to help our children embody the definition of a true Witton Citizen - to be aspirational, resilient and respectful.

For those people who have started their fast please have a peaceful and happy Ramadan.

Kind regards,

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