

You said.....we did

Parents said... on school uniform and its supply:

- Increase the choice of school uniform supplier.
- Ensure we can buy uniform through the holidays to account for growing children / budgeting.
- Provide opportunities to try on uniform in Ramsey through open days / pop-ups.
- Review the uniform to see if there are any items that parents can buy unbranded (not embroidered) or off the shelf in Tesco and other supermarkets to provide more options for parents on a budget / supply issues, e.g., plain black jumpers.
- Consider having a Facebook page where parents can pass on or sell second hand uniform locally.

School said...

- Will look to engage an additional supplier, probably online, in time for the summer.
- Will look at suppliers with payment schemes to help parents budget.
- Will encourage suppliers to run open day events particularly for the new Y7s.
- Will review embroidery / generic options for all garments on the school uniform list to see what garments can also be bought at supermarkets, without impacting on standards.
- Will explore idea of the Facebook page for second-hand supply and the logistics of how this could work. The shop in St Ives will also take in old uniform.
- Year 11s are already invited to donate their old uniform to the school, and this is distributed by the Welfare team. All garments are washed, labelled and stock controlled by one member of staff in the Welfare team. There is a possibility this could be extended to the whole school but this is difficult at the moment because of storage / Covid issues.

Parents said... on welfare issues:

- Can the lunch break be brought forward while we're in lockdown to accommodate families eating together?
- Are students being rewarded for online work?
- How is bullying being dealt with?
- We're concerned about 2-hour detentions and their impact on mental health.
- How can behaviour on the bus be improved?

School said...

- The lunch break could temporarily be moved. Will run a poll with all parents this week to see if this is popular.
- Students are being rewarded for online work. Up to 10 Spirit points per lesson being awarded by teachers, commendations can be seen on the school newsletter.
- Bullying is dealt with, and on the whole, the majority of concerns raised relate to friendship issues and students falling-out after a negative exchange. This seems to be related to the periods of lockdown and reintegration, particularly for the younger children. A new peer mediation system is being launched to help children deal with these problems. A half-termly leaflet on bullying and friendship issues will be sent out to parents, and the school will share some tips in the newsletter on how to cope with friendship issues.
- Two-hour detentions have proved to be a really good deterrent and numbers of children having these detentions plummeted (before lockdown). Children with mental health issues can have that detention served in a different way, e.g., with a member of support staff. It

has helped to bring a calmer environment to the school which can help children who are struggling.

- After lockdown, the school is setting up a system of 'bus buddies' using sixth form monitors. The buses are run by the local authority. Behaviour is better when the bus drivers are 'regulars' and know the children. Children are put onto the bus wearing masks and expectations are reinforced but it is difficult to police this. Parents are asked to speak to their children about the importance of wearing masks on the bus, but obviously we will have to wait and see what the Covid restrictions are when we are able to return to school.