



## St. Ninian's HIGH SCHOOL

Scoill Ard Noo Ninian

Our Ref: JWH/SSM/Summer

7<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **RE: Summer Term Update**

I am sure you too have been enjoying the recent spell of lovely warm weather we have been experiencing, and we hope that this continues!

With the warmer days, we wanted to share a few gentle reminders to help everyone stay comfortable and safe at school:

- Please encourage students to bring a reusable water bottle with them to school, we will also remind them to do this too. These can be easily refilled throughout the day with cold, filtered water from our water fountains during break and lunchtimes. Water is also freely available in the canteen during these times.
- To help keep our school environment pleasant for everyone, we ask students to use their water bottles just for drinking and to avoid squirting water and we would appreciate if you could also remind them of this too.
- For safety and to maintain a positive atmosphere, we ask that water pistols, water balloons, or similar items are not brought into school. If any are seen, they will be collected and will then be kept at reception for an adult to collect later.
- With the grass on the school field being cut more regularly now, we understand this might affect students who experience hay fever. Please do ensure your child has access to appropriate medication if needed. If you would like the school office to keep a spare supply of antihistamines for your child, please feel welcome to contact the office, and they will be happy to provide the necessary form.
- We encourage our students to be active in their social times and it is lovely seeing so many students enjoying time outside during break and lunch, often playing games like football, basketball, and other ball games. Whilst this is great we always remind them of the importance of playing such games fairly and safely and we would ask that you too remind them of the importance of playing to the rules and staying safe.
- Our school uniform expectations remain as previously communicated. Should there be any need for adjustments to the uniform policy at any point during the year, we will be sure to contact you directly to let you know.

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We also wanted to take this opportunity to mention an increase in parking concerns around the Lower School area recently. We politely remind families that the main school car park is generally for staff use and not for dropping off or collecting students at the beginning and end of the day, unless accessing disabled parking with a valid blue badge or accompanying an injured child. Also, the parking area off the road down to the left of the school is designated specifically for the collection and drop-off of our Specialist Provision Centre students, many of whom require easy access. We appreciate your understanding and consideration in keeping these spaces available for them. Whenever possible, please encourage your child to walk, cycle, or use the bus as this is a more sustainable option, especially with the lighter evenings and improved weather. If you do need to drop or pick your child up in your vehicle then please use the drop off/pick up lane on the school main drive. A gentle reminder to students about the importance of good behaviour while travelling to and from school is also always helpful.

As we approach the busy TT week period, we anticipate the roads near the Lower School will become busier, particularly with motorbike traffic. If your child usually crosses the road between Governor's Hill and the school site, can we ask that you remind them to always use the footbridge provided for their safety rather than crossing the road directly. While this is a reminder we share several times a year, its importance is especially highlighted as the road becomes part of the TT course.

Thank you, as always, for your wonderful support and cooperation.

Warm regards,

Miss White

Deputy Head Teacher

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