

## Dear Parents/Carers and Students

Welcome back. I hope that you had a wonderful summer? I am very excited about the start of the new academic year, and I hope that this is shared by parents, and most importantly, students. I extend an especially warm welcome to all new students and parents joining the Goffs Greek School.

Without further much to say I would like to point out that this year we would like to improve the children's attention within the classroom and I would like to highlight the following:

The school has Learning guidelines and is underpinned by the firm belief that students have a right to learn, and teachers to teach, without undue disruption. In sending your child to Goffs Greek school, it is implicitly understood between us that parents understand and support the school's guidelines on behaviour and will support us by reminding your children the importance of this every Saturday.

We expect all students to try their best, and to be kind, polite and respectful to all. Where students behave in a way that does not meet expectations, the school's policy will be applied, and this can ultimately result in the permanent removal of a child's place. If you feel that the school's expectations of behaviour do not fit with your personal ethos or that of your child, it remains your right to have your child educated in a school whose policies you do agree with. We thank you in advance for your active and committed support of these expectations, having chosen to send your child here.

We would also like to highlight that <u>homework</u> needs to be completed accordingly and within the given time frame. It has been proven that by doing homework children will grasp a better understanding and it will assist them within the classroom environment also improving the teaching and learning experience for everyone in the classroom.

Finally, a reminder that students are not permitted to use mobile phones (or headphones) on the school site, within or outside of the building i.e. playground, at any point. The committee who work effortlessly to operate the school as efficiently as possible do hold contact numbers and have a mobile to hand to contact parents in case of any emergency.

I strongly believe that clear communication between home and school is beneficial for our students. You are welcome to contact staff directly, and all staff email addresses are made available on our website (the teachers are responsible and will be informed that they need to make the effort to check these email accounts) and they will be updated with new details in due course.

If you have concerns of any kind, please let us know; we can work together to resolve them.

A weekly newsletter is sent out by email to keep you all informed with ongoing dates, events and information. This is also posted in the Greek Schools Facebook group. If you do not currently receive these emails check your spam alternatively you can register via our website. New starters will be added to the list as long as you have confirmed on the registration form that you are happy for us to contact you in this way.

We look forwards to seeing you all on the 14<sup>th</sup> September.

Yours Faithfully,

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