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Dear parents/carers,

End of Year Festival

I'm writing to you to inform you of our exciting plans to once again hold an end of year festival for all students on Friday 21st July 2023 which will be based at our Acklington Road site. Students will spend an hour in the morning in their tutor groups 'getting festival ready' and will then head out onto the field for a day of activities. We have a variety of sports on offer including football and rounders; nail art and face painting; our JCSC Fun Run; two inflatable assault courses with an inflatable slide to name a few.

Some of these activities incur a small charge. To reduce student waiting times on the day, and to allow parents to pay online in advance, you can now purchase a token bundle to use on the day. Tokens will be available through MCAS in bundles of £5.00, £7.50 and 10.00. The stall costs on the day will be 50p or £1, and an ice cream / ice lolly from the ice cream van will be £1.50. Token packs will be premade up and will be available for collection in morning registration on festival day. The closing date to buy tokens will be Tuesday 18th of July. Students who are on Free School Meals, will automatically be given £5 worth of tokens, but you can also buy additional tokens online. If you want to send your child with cash on Festival day, please make sure they bring loose change and not notes, to exchange for tokens on the day.

In addition to this, we will have drinks and sweets available at a pop-up tuck shop throughout the day. Students will be able to buy items from the canteen at break and lunch as usual using our digital system.

I would like to clarify the following:

- Students can come to school in their JCSC PE kit. If they do not have a PE kit, they will be allowed to wear a plain white t-shirt and sports shorts. Running or cycle shorts are not permitted.
- Students may want to bring a change of clothing for the end of the day as they will not be permitted on school transport if they're wet (the JCSC Fun Run includes water guns). They will be allowed to get changed at 15:00 ready for the end of the school day at 15:10.
- Students may wish to bring a towel with them to sit on whilst on the field and to dry off with, tents are not permitted.
- Trainers are permitted.
- Our mobile phone, make-up and jewellery policies remain the same.
- If your child does not wish to participate, they will be allowed access to the Festival Quay and should attend school in their usual school uniform. If this applies to your child, please contact me directly via email so that we can ensure our registers are correct.



- Participation in the event is based on positive behaviour of PRIDE & RESPECT. If your child has a detention in the last week of term and they fail to attend, or if they demonstrate consistently poor behaviour during that week, their participation may be limited.
- The school day will run as normal except that children who would normally be at the South Avenue site will also be dismissed from the high school at 15:10.
- The current weather forecast is unpredictable so please ensure your child has sunscreen on and brings some with them if required or has their coat as they'll be outside for the majority of the day.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me directly.

Kind regards,

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