

JAn/LHe

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Dear parent/carer

I hope that this letter finds you well. I have some end of half term updates, reminders and some important information regarding the school from September 2026.

Calendar reminders

Spring 2 school reassembles	Monday 23 rd February 2026
Year 7 parents' evening	Thursday 19 th March 2026
School immunisations	Friday 27 th March 2026
Good Friday – start of Easter holiday	Friday 3 rd April 2026
Summer 1 school reassembles	Monday 20 th April 2026

Basic standards reminders

My letters home over the last 18 months have regularly reminded parents/carers about basic school standards and expectations. Like all headteachers, I feel an obligation to share the importance of pupil attendance to school. Attendance that drops below the 90%-95% area gives all schools concern; we know that when pupils come to school regularly, they are able to understand and retain the knowledge that they need to succeed in their exams and in later life. At this mid-way stage through the academic year, I want to thank the many families that continue to support us with this, but I also want to be clear about the importance of this for those families where this has become an issue.

Similarly, we are no different to other schools in terms of the application of our uniform policy. This should not become a contentious or distracting issue for school and families; the expectations are clear and any issues can be discussed sensibly with our pastoral team.

The school from September 2026 and new uniform information

As you know from my letter before Christmas, we will be calling ourselves Coquet Community School from September 2026. This came after we gathered responses from some key stakeholders and the final decision was made by the governing body in Autumn 2.

I attended a site walk of the new building a couple of weeks ago and Kier continue to move at a fast pace. You can see from the road that the majority of the initial external building work is complete; the red and purple insulation cladding is in place and most of the glazing is in place and brickwork is commencing. On the inside of the building, I walked the corridors across the two levels. Walls and other interior infrastructure is underway. Staff will be able to visit and see

a 'show classroom' in the maths corridor by early March. Back here on this site, we are starting to plan the decant of resources and equipment to the new build. It is all very exciting.

Along with the new building and the new name, we are going to introduce a new school uniform from September 2026. I have discussed this with leaders and intentions were shared with governors in the Spring 1 full governing body meeting. You will be able to see some information related to the new uniform on our website shortly, we will share a link to this soon.

The plan is to move away from school blazers to a basic uniform of:

- Branded navy blue v-neck jumper.
- Branded tie which will identify the year group that the pupil is in. They keep the same tie throughout their time in the school – they do not need a new tie each year.
- Un-branded plain white school shirt.
- Un-branded charcoal grey school trousers or skirt.
- No change to our current policy on shoes and coats.

The PE uniform will remain the same as now but will use the new name as part of the branded items.

Leaders and governors have spent time looking at uniform cost and the impact for parents/carers and I am confident that we are not insisting on too many branded items. We want the uniform to look smart but be affordable and practical.

I had given consideration to running two uniforms alongside each other for the first year in the new building. Originally, I felt that this would benefit parents/carers who may have legacy uniform from siblings. During governor discussions, there was a concern that this may cause some pupils to feel different or embarrassed; this approach with two uniforms has not always worked in other schools. On reflection, I now share the same concerns. We will, therefore, support any parents/carers who may struggle financially to afford the new elements of the new uniform and we want to give plenty of notice so that items can be bought in advance.

Over the next few weeks, we will update the webpage with details about suppliers and dates in terms of pop-up uniform shops at the current school site.

If you have any concerns or questions about the new uniform, please email enquiries@jcsc.co.uk

Many thanks in anticipation of your continued support for the school.

Yours faithfully



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