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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been four weeks since we moved to a staggered lunch here at Highbury Grove and the system has now had time to settle in and become an established part of our school day. Students and colleagues alike have spoken positively of the change and we continue to explore the ways in which we can make this new approach work for all concerned.

We continue to have the very highest expectations for all of our young people and we are encouraging them to play their part in our improvement journey by taking personal responsibility in four key areas.

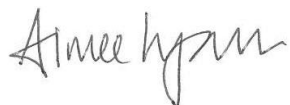
Highbury Grove students should:

- **Be on time:** The school day starts at 8:55am with registration for all students from Y7 to Y13 and we expect students to be in their form room at this time. The Student Entrance gate is shut between 9.10am and 3.15pm every day for additional site security. Students or visitors arriving to school after 9.10am will need to use the Main Reception on Highbury Grove. I will be contacting you again before the end of this term regarding attendance and punctuality and the vital part it plays in success.
- **Be in uniform:** Please make sure your child is kitted out with full school uniform. If you have any urgent problems please contact us but please note we will be sending any students home if they arrive without the full uniform, including blazers and shoes, unless they accept the numerous spares that we have on offer at Student Reception. A reminder of our school uniform code can be found on our website:
<http://highburygrove.islington.sch.uk/school-life/school-uniform>
- **Be equipped:** Please make sure your child is fully equipped with a well-stocked pencil case including spare pens, pencils and a ruler. We will continue to be making sure students have all the basic equipment every day.
- **Be healthy:** We want to ensure that our students are making healthy choices. At the start of this half-term we banned all energy drinks (including Lucozade) in school. Energy drinks are not a healthy choice, particularly for children and young people. In some people caffeine can cause increased irritability, nervousness or anxiety, particularly if you are not used to it. Public Health England has recently advised that sugary drinks have no place in a child's daily diet and we want to reinforce this message within school. Any energy drinks that are brought into school will be confiscated.

I have been impressed this term with the positivity displayed by so many of our students and the ways in which they embrace the opportunities and experiences Highbury Grove continues to offer. It is our belief that if we commit to working together – teachers, students and parents – then we will continue to make strides towards a community we can consistently be proud of. The above expectations are, of course, non-negotiables.

Thank you for your continued support.

Regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aimee Lyall". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name.

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