



# Castledon School

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Dear Parents/Carers

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After a very difficult few months, it has been a delight to see learners return to school and sixth form this week. Students are already starting to settle back into the school routine and whilst there are some modifications around the school site and to the usual school day, it is lovely to see and hear learners engaging once again in their learning.

We would like to welcome all our new learners to Castledon. We will ensure that every student has a safe and motivating learning experience here and look forward to a great partnership with families.

There are some key messages that we would like to share with you:

Walking to school – for those families that walk to school, parents should enter the main gate with their child and walk towards the swimming pool where staff will be there to meet learners. Parents will then continue on to exit by the swimming pool gate. When collecting at the end of the school day, parents are to wait at the main gate and learners will be brought to meet you. Please again exit using the swimming pool gate.

For key stage 4 learners, please use the walkway and continue past the main entrance towards the side gate where staff will be located to greet the students.

PE kits – Key stages 3 and 4 are to wear their PE kit to school on the days that they have PE and they will stay in their kits all day. It is our intention to purchase one pair of tracksuit bottoms for each learner from our school wear provider Emblem. The bottoms will be fully subsidised by the school.

Face masks and hand sanitiser – A reminder that for key stages 3, 4 and 5, learners will need to bring in a small bag with a bottle of hand sanitiser and a face mask. This is for trips and offsite learning. If your child is exempt from wearing a face mask, an exemption card should be printed off and placed in their bag instead.

Dogs on site – our school policy is that no dogs are allowed on school premises (either on a lead or carried). We would appreciate your co-operation by not bringing your pet onto school grounds.

School shoes – Wherever possible, shoes should be plain black leather. However, in exceptional circumstances plain black trainers will be acceptable. Any logos on the trainers must be plain black.

Uniform - We are aware of some delays to your new school uniform orders. This has been caused by supplier delays due to Covid. Pupils can continue to wear old uniform (including PE kits) until you receive the new clothing. For our new pupils, please dress as smartly as possible whilst you are awaiting your order.

We are looking forward to another exciting year for all our learners. By working together with families, our young people will have the best opportunities to be successful.

Thank you for your continued support.

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