

28th March 2022

Dear Parents and carers,

I wanted to write and thank you for your ongoing support and for completing the Parent View questions for our recent OFSTED visit. We still await the report which we will share as soon as it's been agreed - probably within the last 2 weeks of April.

A staggering 85% of you would recommend this school to other parents and this shows how well we are educating and empowering our students. 87% of parents agree or strongly agree that their child is happy here and 91% agree or strongly agree their child is safe at DSTC. Well over 80% believe pupils are well behaved, that concerns are dealt with, that we have high expectations and that their child is doing well. We are delighted with these responses but recognise there are some parents who may still have some concerns and we urge those to contact the school so we can try and resolve any outstanding issues.

The Ukrainian donations appeal has been well supported by parents and staff and we will continue to collect items this week to take to Folkestone early next week. After 31st March we will be unable to take any further items. A further thank you to anyone who has donated so far and if there are any further financial donations, however small, towards the cost of petrol to transport these goods, please bring these to reception (or ask students to do this) before Friday 1st April 2022 .

After the Easter break we will no longer be allowing students to wear coats in the building and we will expect full uniform as ever. We know some girls have outgrown items and these will need to be replaced over the break. Can I once again remind parents that false eyelashes, false or painted nails and coloured hair (not natural colours) are not permitted and we ask that you are not persuaded into allowing these to be done over the holiday without them being 'undone' before students return to school.

Please remember that we continue to collect textiles in the banks at the front gate, we receive money for these and this money is spent on further benches for the girls to sit at on their breaks. If you are doing any spring clearing and can donate items these are very much appreciated.

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I wish you all a very relaxing break and look forward to seeing the girls before 8.35am on site, ready for lessons at 8.40am, on April 19th 2022.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anne Davis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent 'A' and 'D'.

Mrs Anne Davis
Principal



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