

Dear Parent/Guardian, 15 February 2022

Assalamu-Alaikum - Peace be with you

A few reminders we would like to share with parents to make the educational experience of our pupils to be as positive, productive, worthwhile and safe as possible.

- 1) Home School Agreement: Parents, pupils and teachers are expected to sign this document (found in the student planner) to ensure that we are all informed of the expectations of each other, of our separate duties and responsibilities. An electronic copy is also found in this link: <a href="Home-SchoolAgreement-Fillable-Form.pdf">Home-SchoolAgreement-Fillable-Form.pdf</a> (edengirlsslough.com)
- 2) **Driving, parking and walking to school**: Safety of our pupils is paramount when they walk to school and as they leave school premises. We have noticed parents driving and parking which has caused concern for the safety of our pupils and the public.
- In the first instance, please arrange a drop-off and pick-up point away from the school premises. Thank you to all those parents who are already doing this.
- Do follow driving regulations and parking restrictions.
- Be mindful and considerate of local businesses and other road users.
- If crossing Bath Rd or other roads, only cross at a designated crossing.
- Traffic Wardens will be present outside school to support the safety of our pupils and the public.
- 3) Uniform: We expect all pupils to adhere to the school uniform policy which can be found in this link: Eden Girls Uniform-Policy.pdf (edengirlsslough.com) The uniform and appearance of our pupils will support the ethos of our school; worn with pride to be part of the school and enabling them to act as ambassadors for the school. This includes the school Blazer worn throughout the school day. Please do ensure your daughter remembers to bring in her full PE kit on the days she has scheduled PE, including any key resources she needs for each day. Any PE kits or other items handed to the office will not be accepted to be handed to pupils during the day as this disrupts learning for pupils and takes up valuable administrative time. Pupils should be prepared the evening before with all of their uniform and resources for the next day.
- 4) Attendance & Punctuality: We expect all our pupils to have an attendance of at least 97% to not only ensure success in the continuity of learning now but for their future life successes. This includes being punctual to school. Pupils are expected to arrive by 7.50am, in the school playground and then to be in their form room by 8am.



- 5) Learn like a star: Our aim at Eden Girls' School Slough is to provide excellent teaching to all pupils across and within every curriculum area, every lesson. Teachers work diligently in creating a positive classroom culture to help pupils learn and excel in lessons. Our focus is to develop holistic skills which will help pupils deepen their thinking and increase their participation in lessons. Please ensure you support the continuality of learning, by checking and supporting your daughter in completing homework and revising for any set tests. Your daughter should have a separate workspace, chair and desk in a quiet environment to complete her work.
- 6) **Behave like a star:** Outstanding progress in pupils' learning goes hand in hand with excellent attitude to learning, incorporating regular attendance at school and outstanding behaviour. Behaviour policy at Eden can be found in this link: <u>Behaviour-Policy-Secondary.pdf</u> (edengirlsslough.com)
- 7) Intervention: At Eden Girls School we are very proud of the academic support provided by our staff. Intervention is provided to all pupils in all years for anyone who has a learning need. We regularly invite pupils to stay in school on occasions for extra support. This includes asking pupils to come to school on Saturday's or during the termly breaks. We thank you in advance for supporting your daughter's academic achievement.
- 8) **Student Planner:** Parents are expected to check and sign their daughter's planner over the weekend. The planner is a way for teachers to communicate with parents in a weekly basis and vice versa regarding any concerns or issues in school. On Tuesdays, Teachers do check pupil planners to ensure that parents have signed them.
- 9) **Mobile phones, smart & electronic devices:** The school has a strict "no mobile phone, smart & electronic devices" policy for students.
  - Mobile phones, smart & electronic devices should not be seen or used on school premises at any point during the school day.
  - Students who bring a mobile phone to school are required to hand their phone into their Head of
    Year and collect it at the end of the day. They are asked to sign a log confirming that they have
    safely dropped off and picked up their phone.
  - Phones are to be switched off on entry, and only switched on when exited the school premises.
  - Students are not permitted to keep a mobile phone, smart & electronic device in their possession
    during the school day and any student found with these items will be disciplined in line with the
    school's Behaviour Policy and Rewards & Sanctions procedure. The items will be confiscated, and
    the student's parent/guardian will be asked to collect it two weeks later.
- 10) Medical needs: Please remember to send through any updates on your daughters Medical Needs. A Healthcare Plan Form will need to be filled out and sent into school. This is required if your daughter requires medication such as paracetamol etc. Please call the school office for the forms.
- 11) **ParentPay:** please could we remind parents/carers to ensure you top up your daughters account the night before or on the weekend before the school week to ensure she has sufficient funds to purchase her lunch and a snack at break time should she wish to do so. Those on free school meals



are to remind their child that the allowance is only to be used at lunchtime. Parents do have the option to add funds to the child's ParentPay account if a snack is required at breaktime.

Home and school together make a tremendous partnership and the beneficiary of all that love and care, challenge and support, nurturing and mentoring, is ultimately for your child and their future life successes. Helping our children get a strong and vibrant education is a gift – a priceless gift that will last a lifetime.

Thank you for your ongoing support and please do keep the school in your prayers.

Yours sincerely,



Principal