



unlocking Potential for Our Community

8th February 2023

F.A.O All Parents/Carers

Dear Parents/Carers

Use of School Lockers

At SNHS we are in the very lucky position of having lockers available for each student and historically this has meant students were not permitted to carry bags around the site, partly to avoid physical injuries by carrying heavy bags of books and partly to avoid jostling in narrow corridors and damage to walls and fittings. However, during the pandemic year groups were not allowed to mix by the lockers to prevent the spread of infection, so we allowed students to carry their books and kit in bags around the school.

With the Department for Education guidance now removed regarding distancing, we are reverting to our guidelines around locker use, both for the reasons above and because it was brought to our attention that bags are causing a health and safety evacuation risk in the canteen and certain classrooms due to the blocking of walkways. Students have been forewarned of this change. There are a very few students who have not yet organised their locker key deposit and parents of these students have received a number of email reminders. Can I ask any parent who has not yet responded to do so.

I am writing to let you know that from **Monday 20th February** bags and coats will need to be placed in lockers before students come to registration in the morning and that **bags and coats will not be allowed in the canteen from this date. Students will not be allowed to enter the canteen with a bag or coat.** Students will collect their books/equipment from lockers for P1 & P2 prior to registration, at break time they will return their equipment/books to their lockers; this will continue throughout the day moving to their lockers during their break and lunch time and changing their books in preparation for their following lessons. This has worked very well in the past and prevents some of our students carrying around two weeks worth of books as well as keeping our walkways clear.

Thank you in advance for your support and if you have any questions please contact us at office@mynhs.net.

Yours faithfully

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