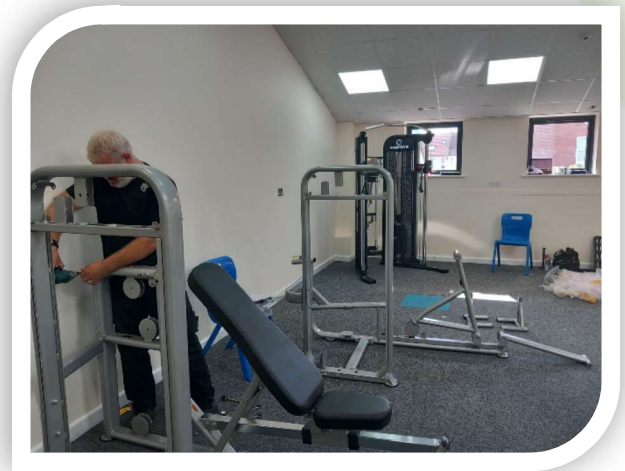


Friday 22nd September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I will be sending a full newsletter towards the end of half term, but I just wanted to update you on a couple of items this afternoon.

Firstly, I am delighted to say that the majority of the new gym equipment has arrived. Most students have now had an induction with the gym coach, Sky to demonstrate the equipment and discuss health and safety matters. Students are excited and keen to get started on using this wonderful new resource. I would like to add that health questionnaires will be coming home on Monday afternoon with students. This is the normal course of action when anybody joins a gym and it ensures our students are safe and healthy for gym use. These must be returned before a student is able to use the gym.



CHANGE OF SCHOOL DATES

Secondly, I wanted to advise you of a change to our calendar. As we continue to improve our trauma informed approaches and in line with the advice of our school improvement partner, I have taken the decision to re-purpose one of our INSET days that would have taken place early next year. We will be closing school to students on **Friday 20th October 2023**. Staff will be trained in positive behavior support strategies and de-escalation techniques. This will build on the vision and values work and the relationships policy we implemented last term. It is a crucial piece of work as we continue our rapid improvement programme with SPT and the Local Authority. Please do note this change to the school calendar.

Finally, I would like to request that parents and carers do treat our front-line admin team with respect. We understand that sometimes you may be frustrated or concerned. The team work very hard to ensure that you get a response to queries as fast as possible. Sometimes, this is not possible if it is during the teaching day as staff are engaged with students. Thank you for your understanding in this regard.

With best wishes for a peaceful weekend.

Vikki Alden,
Headteacher.

