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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, we are looking forward to welcoming the children back on **Tuesday 4 September 2018** after what I hope was a refreshing summer holiday for you and your family. The start of this new school year will bring some changes and I would like to outline these right from the outset. In addition, if your child is in Year 8 to 11, you will receive your annual information pack on monitor day. New parents should have their introductory pack as part of the transition process. If this has not arrived, please contact Susan Sayers: s.sayers@cranbourne.sch.uk to request one.

School Name and Logo

The school's name has changed to "Cranbourne", replacing the old specialist school Business and Enterprise College name. Our new Logo represents a fresh start for the school and reflects our commitment to grow and nurture every students, so that each child can have the best start in life.

Travelling to and from school

We do all we can to ensure that students get to school sensibly and safely. Students all know that they should behave in an appropriate manner on the way to and from school and normal school rules apply. Everyone needs to feel safe coming to school.

Students can park their bikes in our bike shed. Anyone can bring in a bike, however, students will need to fill in a bike permit form, available from the CPP office. Please note that students riding bikes to school will need to wear a helmet.

Bus timetables have been amended this year. The **Oakley bus** will run as normal in the morning; however, in the afternoon there will **be an additional bus at 16:08** from Winchester Road for Oakley students attending after school clubs and activities. The **Winklebury** bus will leave the old **Fort Hill site at 8am and 3pm from Cranbourne** this year. Winklebury students wishing to stay for after school clubs should book a free place on the school minibus, which leaves Cranbourne at 16:10 every day. Could you offer to car share? Parents arranging lifts together also works really well.

Uniform

The new uniform is here! We think that our students will look really smart in it. Please be aware that the compulsory items are blazer, school jumper, house tie and PE top. If girls are choosing to wear a skirt, this must be bought from Skoolkit. All other items can be purchased from any shop. Our uniform is detailed on our website. Requests for financial help with uniform will be dealt with confidentially.

Please note that jewellery and make up are not permitted at school and we do not allow piercings or false nails/nail varnish. We will call you up to school if we have a difficulty with your child in this respect.

Mobile Phones

We have reviewed our policy on mobile phones. We have done this because we think that students do not need the phones in school time. Their use is often distracting and disturbing, particularly in lesson time, where students are tempted to look at messages rather than concentrating. New guidelines are in place from September 1st, requiring schools to review their procedures for keeping children safe on line. A lack of phones during school time will help us to ensure that students can enjoy their education without worrying that their privacy could be invaded by other people's phones. Phones are useful on the way to and from school. In school, they will need to be turned off and out of sight. This includes the time between lessons and at Break and Lunchtimes.

Breakfast, Break and Lunchtime

You will be aware that the school canteen is open from **8am** and serves breakfast. Break time is at **10:40** and we serve brunch in the café. **Students on free school meals are allocated £1 per day** in addition to their main meal, to spend at either breakfast or break, using their fingerprint scan.

This year, we are changing lunchtime, so that we can all sit down for lunch together. Students can bring in packed lunch or have a two course school lunch for £2:30. This will ensure that all children have a nourishing meal and a settled half hour to meet and talk; all students will have someone to sit with. Staff will sit with students and lunch will be served at the tables. The timings of the school day will change for students in Years 10 and 11, who will have lunch at 13:30.

We are looking forward to a new year, full of new challenges, plenty of hard work and, of course, lots of fun. The House System will bring with it new activities, competitions and inter-house sporting events, so we have lots to look forward to.

Yours faithfully



Jane Aplin
Headteacher