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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Lockers – 2019-2020



When we ask pupils what they would like to change about the school, they invariably tell us that they would like lockers. This is sadly a huge challenge for us due to cost, space and the main building being a PFI building and therefore not ours to do with as we wish. We have thought long and hard and liaised with other schools and have come up with a proposal which will affect some of the pupils in the school. A company called Independent Locker solutions are able to put over 300 lockers into school which would belong to them and parents/carers would have a contract with and pay them directly for renting one of these lockers. The school would therefore only be a host for the lockers.



Due to space, we can only host a certain number of these and would therefore prioritise Year 11 and the new Year 7s in order to support the GCSE exam year and also to support new pupils with organisation in their first year respectively. We are considering the post 16 space and may be able to put some lockers there too. Any leftover lockers would be offered to the rest of the school on a first come, first served basis. The company contacts parents directly and you would book these electronically and be sent a key to your home address. The cost of this would also be paid to the company and the approximate cost would be no more than £30 a year. For safeguarding reasons, we have keys to all lockers and can use these to access these at any time if we have safeguarding concerns. All details will be available from the company before you make a decision.



Before we negotiate the final details and try and make this happen, I would appreciate parents and carers raising any feedback both positive and negative now. There is simply no more space to accommodate any more lockers so this seems like the fairest solution. We would run this as a trial for the first year and, if this was successful, would continue the model going forward. We would not be able to subsidise lockers unless there was a specific reason such as a child with Special Educational Needs and organisational needs if parents/carers could not afford this. I have spoken to a number of pupils in Year 10 and they are in favour of the idea.



Please e mail me with any feedback by Tuesday 30th April and I will let you know about our final decision. If I do not receive responses, I will assume you are happy for this to go ahead; subject to our on-going review.



Yours sincerely,

Ms E Hillman
Headteacher

