



Crispin School

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24 February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a pleasure to welcome students back to school. They have returned with a positive attitude and a strong sense of purpose. I have been particularly impressed with the focus and maturity shown by our upper school students as they continue their preparation for examinations and key assessments. Across all year groups, students have settled quickly into routines and are demonstrating readiness for the term ahead. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring this strong start.

Fire and Lockdown Drills

As a school, we are legally required to have robust procedures in place to safeguard all members of our community. Under the **Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005**, schools must implement appropriate fire safety arrangements, including regular fire drills, to ensure that evacuation procedures are effective and understood.

Current government safeguarding guidance, including **Keeping Children Safe in Education**, also makes clear that schools must have effective procedures in place to respond to a range of emergency situations.

For these reasons, we are required to carry out both:

- **Fire drills** – rehearsing safe and orderly evacuation of the building.
- **Lockdown drills** – rehearsing procedures to secure students and staff safely inside the building should an external risk arise.

These drills are carefully planned and conducted in a calm, age-appropriate manner. Their purpose is not to alarm, but to ensure that students and staff understand routines and can respond confidently and safely should a real situation ever occur.

We would be grateful if you could speak with your child about the importance of taking all drills seriously and following staff instructions promptly. In both scenarios, clear communication and immediate cooperation are essential to keeping everyone safe.

PE Kit Reminder and Update

From September 2025, we introduced a more modern and cost-effective PE kit.

- **Year 7 students** are expected to wear the new PE kit in full.
- The full kit list is available on the school website.
- There are **two branded items**; all other items must be plain black with no visible logos.

Students in **Years 8 to 10** should ensure that, as items are replaced, they purchase the new kit so that all students are fully compliant by **September 2026**.

Important Update for Year 7

From **Monday 2 March**, Year 7 students will be required to:

- Wear their full school uniform into school on PE days.
- Change into their complete PE kit for their lesson.
- Change back into school uniform for the remainder of the day.



This brings Year 7 into line with the expectations for all other year groups. I have spoken directly with the year group today to explain this change and to ensure they have sufficient notice to prepare.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in maintaining high standards and ensuring consistency across the school.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lee Cornwall', with a small 'c' at the end of the name.

Lee Cornwall
Acting Headteacher