

Dear parents and carers,

As we approach the end of our Autumn term, there are just a couple of changes that we would like to share with you ahead of the new year.

First of all, the children are loving our OPAL lunchtimes and are already showing how creative they can be in their play. We have had some disappointing wet weather this last few weeks, which has restricted the zones we could offer but thanks to the HSA for purchasing some welly storage for us! Now we can get our wellies organised and accessible for everyone so that we can be dry in these winter months but still enjoy being outside. Don't forget to look at our OPAL gallery on the website to see what we have been up to!

To ensure that children can be comfortable in their play at lunchtime and continue to be active during the day we are slightly amending our school uniform requirements. **This is only a change that needs to happen when you are ready to replace uniform** it is not an expectation to change unless you need to. When you find yourself replacing school trousers or skirts, you can replace these with any plain, black bottoms. **These can be skirts, shorts, joggers or trousers in plain black. These should not have logos on them.** We are hoping that these will be more comfortable for children in their active play, but still important that we look a part of the Maidensbridge family and have that sense of belonging, with everyone in **plain black**. This will be our uniform from September 2026 but if you find yourself replacing anything before then please feel free to purchase the plain, black alternative. Children should still be in plain black comfortable shoes/trainers and not logo or labelled trainers.

It is important we keep our high standards of uniform ensuring equality and belonging, but ensure children can be comfortable and active in their learning and play.

We are also implementing from January 2026 that if your child has a birthday Monday-Friday next year, they can wear their own clothes in school on the day of their birthday. This allows our Maidensbridge community to be able to celebrate their day and wish them a [happy birthday](#) while they are at school. Please make sure that their own clothes are still suitable for OPAL.

We look forward to seeing you all at our Christmas events next week, before we end our Autumn Term.

Thank you

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