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Dear Parents and carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back tomorrow as we start a new term together. Our goal is to help every child make a strong start and do their very best; being excellent;

‘Excellence is not being the best; it is doing your best’.

This term, we will be talking about what it means to be part of our school community and how we can all follow our school charter:

- **Be kind**
- **Listen and learn**
- **Show respect**

Uniform

Please make sure your child comes to school in full school uniform, including black school shoes. We have lots of spare, second-hand uniform that children are more than welcome to have. Just let us know if you need anything – we’re happy to help.



How to get in touch



Please note the following ways to get in touch if you need to discuss anything:

1. **Telephone:** 0191 2860776. If the lines are busy there is opportunity to leave a message; we will return your call as soon as possible. If the member of staff is not available, we can make a telephone appointment or a face-to-face appointment.



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2. **Email:** admin@simonside.newcastle.sch.uk stating who you would like the message to be forwarded to.
3. **Chat with us:** Feel free to speak to staff at drop-off or pick-up. If you need a longer or more private conversation, we can arrange a suitable time.
4. **Visit the office:** You can request an appointment in person. There is now a post-box in reception where you can leave your name, number and who you would like to contact. This should hopefully avoid you having to wait during busy periods at the start and end of the day.

Our staff are always here to support you and will do their best to speak with you as soon as possible – ideally the same day, but certainly by the end of the following day.

Attendance

“Your attendance today shapes your success tomorrow. Make it count.” Let’s make 2026 a golden year for attendance!



See you all tomorrow!

Take care,

Mrs Hills
Head Teacher