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Dear Families,

As we begin a new academic year, I write to share an important update with you regarding our commitment to maintaining a safe, organised and productive learning environment for all students.

In the past, students had to rent a locker from an external company. This year, Dixons Croxteth Academy has listened to feedback from families and students and invested in providing lockers to all our students, without charge. These lockers are an excellent addition to our facilities and play an important role in promoting safety, security, responsibility, organisation, and a positive learning culture within our academy community.

One of the main reasons for introducing lockers is to enhance safety. Lockers help to reduce obstacles in classrooms and corridors, removing potential tripping hazards. This creates a safer environment for everyone. Moreover, lockers provide students with a dedicated space to store their belongings securely, reducing the likelihood of personal items being lost.

By removing the need for students to carry their coats and bags with them throughout the day, we can create a more positive learning culture. Lockers offer a sense of organisation and structure, teaching our students valuable life-skills related to time management and self-responsibility.

Having classrooms free of coats and bags reduces distractions and promotes a more productive environment where students can concentrate on their learning and teachers can deliver their lessons effectively. This, in turn, enhances the overall quality of education at Dixons Croxteth Academy.

For the reasons outlined, it is important that your child stores their coat and bag in their locker before the academy day begins at 08:20am. All students must be in their Morning Meeting spaces for a prompt start at 08:20am. Arrival after this time will result in a same-day 30-minute Correction for Attendance and Punctuality, one of our six Learning Habits.

As part of their induction or return to Dixons Croxteth Academy, all students have received a locker key and a tough bag. Students will use their tough bag to carry the equipment they need throughout the day and place them on their desks at the start of each lesson. If your child is yet to receive a locker key or tough bag, they should speak to their Advisor in the first instance.

On days when your child has PE, they do not need to put their bag in their locker until after the lesson. Additionally, the academy has alternative arrangements for break and lunch during wet or adverse weather conditions.

We are committed to ensuring that all students benefit from this improvement, and we appreciate your full support. We encourage you to discuss the importance of using lockers with your child and help them make the most of this resource.

Yours faithfully,



**Iain Duggan**  
Principal

