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Dear Parent/Guardian

School lockers and our 'locker package'

Year 7 students entering the school will **be required to** have use of a locker to store their personal items and to use a Maiden Erlegh Reading school PE bag and Rucksack. We are therefore asking the parents or guardians of all of our Year 7 students to purchase a 'locker package' through our ParentPay shop. This will cost £21.50 for the first year only, subsequent years will be at a reduced rate for annual locker rental and cleaning (currently £7 per year).

The 'locker package' will include:

- 1 x locker usage for the year (including professional cleaning);
- 1 x blue drawstring PE bag with the school logo;
- 1 x blue rucksack with the school logo;
- 1 x padlock.

The locker package is available for purchase via our ParentPay shop at the following link:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Uniform/Default.aspx?shopid=1047>

Q. Does this mean my child cannot bring their own school bag to school?

Yes. We feel that students having the same bag promotes equality between students and helps us to protect the school corridors when students are transitioning between lessons. Larger bags can damage the walls in corridors and can create trip hazards for other students due to a lack of suitable storage. The use of the school bags and a locker are compulsory for all Year 7 students.

Q. How big are the lockers?

The size of a locker is: **412mm (h) x 300mm (w) x 450mm (d)**. Please do not allow your son/daughter to bring any additional bags to school that will not fit in the locker.

Q. What if I do not want to buy a locker package?

We would ask that all parents support us in purchasing this package to improve the smooth running of the school, clearing corridors of bags and coats, and allowing students space to move and store their personal belongings safely.

Q: When will my son/daughter receive the items purchased?

All items will be distributed on Wednesday 30 June during the Year 6 transition day. We would be very grateful if you could ensure that payment is made before 27 June 2021.

Q. Will it cost £21.50 every year?

Absolutely not. This is a starter package, and we would hope that the following year you would only need to pay the annual £7 fee for the usage of the locker (this includes a professional clean). Items can be bought separately should students lose or damage them, and the cost will be as follows:

- Rucksack - £10 each;
- PE bag - £3 each;

- Padlock £3 each.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office at merooffice@maidenerleghtrust.org.

Many thanks in advance for your support

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of the letters 'CB' followed by a stylized flourish that ends in a small 'e'.

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