



We Make A Difference

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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Standards and Expectations January 2024

Now that we have reached the end of the autumn term, I am writing to say many thanks for your support over the past year and to give a few reminders about the standards and expectations we have for next term.

As you may be aware, we have allowed students to wear outdoor coats in classrooms when very cold weather and issues with the heating system meant that some areas of school were colder than we would like. Our heating systems are now working to full capacity, so from January we are returning to our normal expectation that outdoor coats are not worn in classrooms. If we do experience a particularly cold period of weather or have classrooms that are cool, we will of course make a decision to allow coats to be worn in the classrooms concerned, but this will be done on a case by case basis.

The school dress code remains as follows:

- Black sweatshirt with school logo.
- Black polo shirt with school logo.
- Plain black trousers or skirt (with black tights), no jeans, jogging trousers, leggings, shorts or cut offs.
- Plain black leather or leather look shoes.
- A single pair of stud earrings and/or a single nose stud is allowed. No hoops or earrings, or tongue piercings are allowed on grounds of health and safety. A single wristwatch can be worn but no other types of jewellery, including rings, are permitted.
- Hats and hooded tops must not be worn in school.

Items can be purchased from our uniform provider Logo Leisurewear (0114 251 1171) or online via the link on the school website (information for parents section).

In addition, we are asking for support to make sure that your child arrives to school equipped to learn.

The following items are still required by all students:

- School bag (A4 size)
- Black pen
- Green pen
- Pencil
- Ruler

- Rubber
- Scientific calculator
- Glue stick
- Reading book (Years 7-9)
- Water bottle

The school bag should be large enough to carry books and homework without damaging the work inside.

School will always look to support students who may require help to purchase equipment. Form tutors will carry out regular equipment checks as part of the morning routine and C1s are issued to students who do not meet our equipment expectations.

We are reminding all students in assemblies in January that mobile phones should not be seen in school at any time of the day. Dependence on mobile phones can impact upon social interactions, young people's mental health and can be a safeguarding concern. If a mobile phone is brought to school, it must be switched off and placed in the student's school bag. If an emergency should arise and you need to contact your child during the school day, please call our reception desk who will pass on a message or enable students to make a call.

We continue to expect all students to arrive on time and to be punctual to lessons. A C3 detention is issued to anyone who is late to school or lessons (without a valid reason) three times in a week. The vast majority of our students are always punctual to school and lessons and meet or exceed our attendance target of 95%. The link between good attendance (95% or above) and academic progress is very clear and your continued support in these matters is greatly appreciated.

Wishing you a Happy New Year and a restful time with your loved ones over the festive break.

Yours faithfully,



Mr S Bacon
Deputy Headteacher