



July 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

Re: Standards letter

As we approach the end of a very demanding year I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have given both to your child and to the school. We have had to step up and adapt to many challenges this year, from mass testing to home testing, from self-isolation to face coverings and we have done this together, as a team, with absolute resolute and commitment. I also thought that it was timely and appropriate to remind each other of the standards we have set on uniform, behaviour and attendance as you head into your summer break.

1. Uniform and appearance

Following our review of school uniform in March this year I have been delighted with how our pupils have responded. I have received many positive comments from parents and other members of the community who feel that our pupils now wear the uniform with a greater sense of pride. They have been a credit to you and our school. We will continue to be very vigilant about ensuring our pupils wear their uniform correctly. You will find the school's dress code on the website which will help you when buying school wear over the summer. Pupils are always expected to wear the correct footwear and the correct uniform. The following rules apply:

- Shoes should be plain black leather with a maximum heel height of 5cm and maximum sole thickness of 2cm (heel is measured from the ground to the welt up the back of the heel);
- No coloured logo. Boots are also not allowed;
- Charcoal grey trousers or skirt should be worn; Tights and socks should be dark grey or black;
- Skirts should be no shorter than knee length;
- Hoodie tops, black leggings other non-uniform items and must not be worn while in school;
- Grey slippers are now compulsory from half term two up until half term six;
- Pupils are expected to bring a school bag every day.
- Pupils can wear a watch apart from a Smart Watch. No other items of jewellery are permitted;
- Pupils are not allowed to wear ear, nose, tongue or other piercings. If they have any visible piercings or retainers these must be removed before the school day;
- The use of a plaster to cover any of these items is also prohibited;
- Nail varnish and nail or eyelash extensions are not permitted;
- Hair should be kept neat and tidy and any hair accessories should be small;
- Extreme hairstyles e.g. unnatural colours or shaved lines or patterns are not allowed; Boys hair should not be below the collar.

2. Behaviour & school routines

We want staff to be able to teach in a calm and safe environment, and that every child will benefit from a high-quality education that allows them to flourish. Our behaviour includes a list of rules and routines which we expect all pupils to follow. I have provided the list of routines for you to read.





a. The academy requires all pupils to follow the 'considerate corridor' routine. The following rules apply:

- Pupils will observe the one-way system at all times on the corridor;
- Pupils will always keep to the left on corridors and stairways;
- Pupils will move orderly and calmly;
- Pupils will never shout, run or push;
- Pupils will arrive to their lessons on time.

b. During social time:

- Pupils will eat in the restaurant or outside in their designated area only. Eating in the corridors is not permitted.
- Pupils will always clear away after eating in the restaurant and deposit all litter in the bin provided;
- Pupils will respond politely to adults when in the restaurant i.e. 'yes please' and thank you miss';
- Pupils will enter the building after play in full uniform;
- Pupils will line up in their designated areas immediately when given the signal.

c. All pupils must follow the behaviour for learning routines. Low-level disruption is not tolerated, and pupils' behaviour should not disrupt lessons.

- Pupils will respect their teacher zone in each classroom space;
- Pupils will refrain from moving tables or chairs;
- Pupils will listen carefully when their teacher or another person is talking;
- Pupils will always try their best without disturbing others;

3. Attendance & punctuality

Attendance and punctuality remain a high priority for the school and something we take very seriously. We will be working hard to ensure that every child has good attendance and meets the school target of 96%. Ms Crewe, our Attendance & Welfare Officer will be sending you the annual attendance letter shortly which will inform you of our procedures and actions if attendance falls below the school target.

Punctuality is important. Arriving late to school and to lessons is very disruptive for the teacher and other class members. It also means that late pupils miss important input from teachers. Please be aware that AM registration is at **8.30am**. If, for whatever reason, your child will be arriving late please call Students Services to inform them.

Finally, I would like to remind parents and carers that this term ends on Friday 9th July at 12.15pm. Year 7 and Year 11 pupils will return to school on Thursday 26th August & Friday 27th August, Year 8, Year 9, and Year 10 will return to school on Tuesday 31st August.

I appreciate your continued support and I hope you have a wonderful summer.

Yours sincerely

Mr A Bannon
Associate Principal

