

30th March 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Firstly, a big thank you for your support in our push to improve punctuality to school this term. To keep you up-to-date with progress, we have improved our punctuality by over 50% in just 4 weeks.

Our next important focus as a school will be around our students being 'Ready to Learn'. Next term, we will be ensuring our expectations are met around uniform (including PE kit), equipment, the appropriate use of mobile devices across the school and respect to one another and the school environment. All students have had an assembly from their Heads of Year on our 'Red Card' system that will be introduced from the start of next term.

Students will receive a 'RED CARD' if they are not 'Ready to Learn' and do not meet the following expectations:

- 1) No phones or headphones allowed out in class, unless directed to do so for a learning activity.**
- 2) Wear the correct school uniform at all times, including PE kit for practical lessons.** Students are expected to change into kit even if they are not participating. If they do not have kit, they will be issued with a 'Red Card' and will be given kit to borrow from the PE department. Heads of Year will be on the doors at the start of the day checking uniform. If a student comes to school in the incorrect uniform, they will be sent home to change with the expectation of returning to school within an hour. Form tutors will also do random weekly checks on uniform.
- 3) Have the correct equipment so I am Ready to Learn.** As a school we have bought each child a pencil case that is fully equipped. These will be with form tutors on the first day of term so it is essential that all students attend form. Students are expected to bring this every day and replace any equipment lost/used. To facilitate this, we will have a shop on site, run by our Sixth Form students. Form tutors will do random weekly checks to check students have the correct equipment.
- 4) Only eat and drink in allocated areas.** No drinking in lessons unless it is water and permission has been granted. Energy drinks are not good for students' health and should not be brought to school.
- 5) Show respect towards each other and the environment.** E.g. No swearing no littering, no kicking doors, tipping bins, breaking lockers etc.

What happens if my child receives a 'Red Card'?

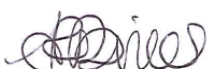
The system for this works in the same way as our punctuality system:

- Students receive automatic 20 minute detention if they receive a RED card. You will receive a text home to inform you of this. If your child receives multiple RED cards in one day, they will only attend one detention but a record will be kept by the school and you will be informed of each red card.
- Failure to attend 20 minute detention will increase to 1 hour.
- Failure to attend 1 hour will be 5 lessons in internal exclusion.
- Failure to attend isolation will be a day Fixed Term exclusion followed by repeating the day in internal isolation.

If you would like to discuss any part of the 'Red Card' system, we are offering an open morning at the school from 9.00 am - 10.30 am Wednesday 5th April where you will get the opportunity to discuss this with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Thank you in anticipation for your support in this matter. By continuing to work in partnership, we can ensure the school community continues to strive to be a positive learning environment for all of our students.

Yours sincerely



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