

30 June 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Re: Standards, Expectations and Safeguarding**

As we are halfway through this half term, we thought it would be a good 'check point' time for ensuring our students maintain the high standards and expectations we all have of them. This letter is set to provide parents with the key reminders of the essentials that are required to maintain the high expectations of our student's everyday life at school.

**School Uniform**

The uniform requirements for 2022-2023 were shared with parents in July 2022 and can be accessed via the school website, these can also be found in the school planner:

<https://www.hungerhillschool.com/page/?title=School+Uniform&pid=66>

There are **no changes** with regards to uniform standards. However, please remind your child that:

**School skirt:** This must be the appropriate length (to the knee) and should not be of **lycra stretch material**. Replacements will be provided for those not in correct uniform.

**School trousers:** These should be of regular fit, appropriate length and should not be of **lycra stretch material, or denim**.

**Please note that sanctions will be applied for any breach in behaviour, uniform or equipment in accordance with our behaviour pathway system should a student repeatedly come unprepared for learning. Sanctions will include removal of social time.**

**Eyelashes and False Nails:** No false eyelashes and false/acrylic nails are to be worn. Any eyelashes or nails must be removed. **Sanctions will include removal of social time.**

**Not only does this develop a sense of togetherness, but research shows that it increases professionalism and reduces distractions, whilst preparing our students for the outside world.**

**Mobile Phones:** We have seen an increased number of sanctions issued for mobile phone usage in school time. We would appreciate your support in reminding your child that for safeguarding reasons, their phone should be turned off and, in their bag, when they cross the blue line. Students who do not follow this rule run the risk of having their phone confiscated with a detention issued. Please be aware, currently, on the third occasion, parents/carers are required to collect their child's phone. We are reviewing this over the next few weeks as the current sanctions do not seem to be having an impact.

**Detentions:** We attempt to schedule our detention sanctions for the same day whenever possible. Parents are notified of these detentions through our messaging system. In order to make our safeguarding system more robust, please note that if your child is due to sit detention and they do not attend/refuse, you will be



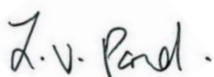
notified by our messaging system. This is to notify you, as parents, that we cannot ensure their whereabouts or welfare.

**Changing detentions:** Please note that detentions will not be rearranged without prior notice from parents. This is to further enhance our safeguarding procedures. If your child approaches staff asking to change detentions due to prior engagements, they will be refused unless you have given us prior notice. You may be contacted by Admin staff to authorise detention changes.

**New Protocols for Collecting Students Prior to the End of the School Day:** In order to enhance our safeguarding measures, please note that the admin staff will only contact, speak with the person(s) listed as priority contacts on a student's SIMS account. In the event of staff needing to contact home to speak with parents/carers, they will work from priority 1 downwards. We cannot take phone calls or give information to anybody who is not listed a priority without parental permission. With this in mind, if you need to collect your child throughout the school day for appointments etc. you will be required to come to the reception area and may be asked to verify your identity. If you require your child to leave site throughout the school day on their own as they are catching public transport for an appointment, we will contact you to verify that the information we have been given is correct. We appreciate your support in helping us to keep your child safe whilst in school.

We would like to thank the vast majority of our students and parents/carers who support the school in ensuring our high standards, expectations and safety procedures are consistently met. We hope parents/carers can understand why the school puts such an important emphasis on these matters. Your support in ensuring that we are preparing our students for the outside world is greatly appreciated.

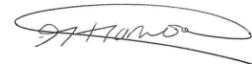
Yours sincerely



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