

24 November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Standards and Expectations

As we approach Week 12 of the academic year, it provides us with a good opportunity to reinforce our high standards and expectations. We are very proud of the high expectations we hold for our students both academically and behaviourally and this is frequently commented on as a positive aspect of the school via parent surveys and external visitors. Unfortunately, it has become apparent that a small minority of our students are not adhering to these.

This letter is set to provide parents/carers with the essentials that are required in the student's everyday life at school. These will be checked by form tutors on Monday, failure to be equipped for learning, will result in a 30 minute after school detention.

Essential Equipment

Students are expected to bring the following basic equipment to school each day:

Black Pen x2
Purple Pen
Pencil x2
Scientific Calculator
Ruler

There will be regular checks throughout the next few weeks by form tutors for the correct equipment and further sanctions will be applied should a student repeatedly come unprepared for learning. For students wishing to excel in their learning, please use the more comprehensive list of equipment which was circulated previously and is on the website [here](#).

School Uniform

The uniform requirements for 2022-2023 were shared with parents in July/August and can be accessed via the school website, these can also be found in the school planner: [Hungerhill School - Uniform](#). There are **no changes** with regards to uniform standards and failure to be in correct uniform will result in a 30 minute detention. Please remind your child of the below:

School skirt: This must be the appropriate length (3 fingers from the knee) and should not be rolled up at the waist. Stretchy skintight material is not appropriate. *Replacements may be available for the school day.

Hoodies, sweatshirts or body warmers are not permitted whilst on-site. Please be mindful they will be confiscated if worn, so please ensure with the cold weather approaching that your child comes with the correct outer garments.

Hungerhill School Jumpers: Hungerhill school jumpers are optional and may be worn under the blazer. Only jumpers with the Hungerhill logo are permitted.

Shoes: Plain black shoes for all, no gold trims or boots are allowed. No Vivienne Westwood shoes are permitted. *Replacements will be provided for the school day.

Piercings: No facial piercings to be worn, this includes tongue/mouth/nose piercings.

Eyelashes and Nails: No false eyelashes and false/acrylic nails are to be worn.

There will be regular checks throughout the next few weeks by form tutors and class teachers for the correct uniform. Further sanctions will be applied should a student repeatedly ignore the uniform policy.

If you have any concerns about accessing the necessary uniform/stationary, please review the Trust's Financial Support Policy to see if you are eligible for support. If you feel that your child may be eligible for free school meals, please visit the following webpage: [Free school meals application - City of Doncaster Council](#). In addition, our Pre-Loved Uniform Shop is open over the coming weeks on Tuesday 5 December and Wednesday 13 December 2.45-4.00pm, no appointment is required.

Mobile Devices

The expectation regarding any mobile device has not changed and we still expect students to have **no mobile devices** visible in school. If your child chooses to bring a mobile device/air pods to school, they must be switched off and kept in their school bag at **all times**. Phones will be confiscated and detentions issued. Should a student be seen using their device on the school site or within a lesson, stricter sanctions such as isolation will be applied.

Punctuality

Punctuality to school is essential, the school gates open at 08.15am and close at 08:40am. The expectation is that students are seated in their form room by the 8:40am bell, to receive key notices. Anyone entering after the 8:40am bell will be issued with a late mark. Once a week the students are seated in their year group assembly, on these days we expect students to be seated in assembly by 08:35am to allow a prompt undisturbed delivery. Lates to lessons continue to be an issue for a small minority of students which is a safeguarding concern, so we will continue to address this with those individuals and ensure they understand why this is problematic and impose sanctions for repeat offenders.

Maximising Learning Time

We are huge believers in maximising the learning time in school and as such, ensure that each minute of our 60-minute lessons are meticulously planned to ensure the best learning for our students. This includes 'Do Now' activities that are in place immediately at the start of lessons. This provides important opportunities for students to apply and recap their learning through to structured plenary sections at the end of lessons to review learning. These of course 'bookend' lesson activities where students are frequently introduced to new information and given opportunities to embed their understanding. Therefore, if a student is absent throughout any part of the lesson, this will impact the progress they make and disrupt the learning of others. Following feedback from parents and students, this year we have more student toilets open, all of which are supervised by staff during break times. This allows plenty of opportunities throughout the 15-minute AM break and 1 hour lunch to access these amenities. Despite this however, we are still seeing alarming numbers of students requesting to leave lessons to access the toilet during lesson time. We ask that parents/carers please stress to their children the importance of maximising their learning time and using the 'social' times to use the toilet. We would not want to impose a 'no toilet during lesson

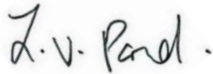


time' approach, like many other schools have, but will be keeping logs of student mobility during lesson time and where concerns are raised may have to impose restrictions on students who are disproportionately missing lesson time without appropriate medical need.

We would like to thank the vast majority of our students and parents/carers who support the school in ensuring high standards and expectations are consistently met.

We are very excited to share with parents/carers and students that Mrs Wagstaff, Assistant Headteacher for Behaviour and Attitudes, will be returning to school on a phased return from Monday 4 December.

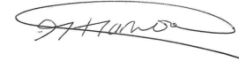
Yours sincerely



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