

27 March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: Standards and Expectations

As we approach the end of the Spring Term and look forward to the Easter Holidays, it provides us with a good opportunity to reinforce our high standards. 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 15 April, 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 (not just for maths lessons)
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

We are aware that most school uniform will have been purchased by parents in September 2023 ready for the new academic year. Since then, there have been obvious physical growth spurts by the majority of our students. We have noticed that a large population of a female students are now wearing skirts that are not in line with our uniform guidance and expectations policy. The uniform requirements for 2023-2024 were last shared with parents in January 2024 and can be accessed via the school website [Hungerhill School - Uniform](#). The uniform guidance can also be found in the school planner. This is a polite reminder that all school skirts should be no shorter than two fingers above the knee and should not be made of the skin-tight / stretch tube material. In regard to trousers - leggings and peddle pushers are not permitted as part of the Hungerhill

uniform. On return from the Easter break, day to day inspections for uniform standards will be carried out routinely and **any students that are in breach of the uniform guidance after the Easter break will be placed in our isolation centre until the matter is resolved.** Please use the Easter holidays as a time to purchase new uniform, if needed, that meets the expectations and falls in line with the policy. We do have pre-owned uniform that is available on request, please contact the school using the Contact Us form and we can advise if we have requested items available. Please note that whilst we do have some spare uniform in school we do not have a surplus supply of stock to hand. A significant number of parents/carers have expressed their frustration when their child is adhering to the uniform standards when other students seem to be flaunting the rules.

In relation to daily uniform and appearance standards, there have been **no changes** 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 Vivianne 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. The latter is a health and safety concern for PE lessons and is hindering learning in computer-based lesson. There will be removal of social time for students who do not comply.

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](#).



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. The school may ask parents/carers to collect their child's mobile phone from school.

Punctuality

Punctuality to school is essential, the school gates open at 08.15am and close at 08:40am. The expectation is that students enter their form room from 8.30am and that they 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 '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.

Twilight Detentions

There a small minority of our students who are refusing to attend the routine detention sanctions, or are having to be removed due to poor behaviour/ conduct displayed towards staff when detention is in situ. Bearing this in mind we are now operating a '**2 Hour-Twilight Detention**' that will run every: Tuesday/Wednesday and Thursday from 15:10-17:10. Previously, students would be placed in isolation when failing to comply with detention sanctions. Analysis highlights that it is largely the same students that fail to attend detentions and therefore spend too much time in the Isolation Centre. As you can appreciate this results in 'lost learning' of live lesson content with



subject specialists which we are not keen to promote. Communications regarding students in receipt of a: Twilight Detention will be placed on Class charts as per policy. We ask parents/carers to check detention times carefully, so they are fully aware of the finish time for their child. Please check your Class Charts app. daily so that you are well informed regarding communications.

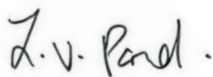
N.B we have over 1000 parents now accessing our Class Charts platform. However, if you still do not have access to the platform or need a password re-set, please use our Contact Us form on the school website.

Class Charts Rewards

The new Summer Term will see the launch of the Class Charts Rewards Store. Miss Harwood has worked with some of our Form Representatives to get valuable feedback on the rewards offer. This will allow students to have a spendable account balance to purchase a variety of items that range from the value of £1.50 up to £100.00. Positive bonus points will be rolled over into the new academic year, which will allow for students to build up a healthy rewards account balance, meaning that they can save their spendable points and let it accrue to purchase items at a higher tariff in the following year i.e. J.D Sport vouchers, Kindle Paperwhite. Information regarding the Rewards Store and how it can be accessed will be shared with all students on Monday 15th April. Further information will be shared with all parents and guardians after the 15th April 2024.

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. Wishing you all a lovely easter holiday on behalf of all the staff at Hungerhill.

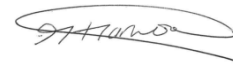
Yours sincerely



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