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Dear Parent/Carer

As we move quickly through this term I wanted to take the opportunity to write to you to remind you of some of the expectations that we have in school and to ask for your continued support.

We recognise that the last two years have been exceptionally difficult for everyone especially our young people that have had to navigate their way through many challenges, both in school and at home. We understand that the way they had to learn and communicate with one another has had a real impact on many areas of their development. Now that we are back in school full time, we are working hard to identify any gaps in learning and to ensure all students have the support that they need to address these. In addition, we are determined to ensure that all students have the right climate in order to be able to succeed with the fewest distractions and a complete focus on their learning. Therefore, we are reminding all students of a number of expectations that are non-negotiable.

The first of these is around the use of mobile phones. Our phone policy has not changed. Students are not permitted to use their phone whilst on site. If a student brings their phone to school it must be turned off and in their bag. If a phone is visible-whether it is being used or not-it will be confiscated and will need to be collected at the end of the day by a parent or carer, phones will not be returned to students. We would ask that you support us with this by ***not*** calling or texting your child during the school day. We have staff on site who will manage sickness and other incidents so your child has no reason to call or message you. If you need a message passing on to them, then please contact reception who will pass the message on to the year team.

Secondly, may I ask that you help us maintain our high standards of uniform by ensuring your child is sent to school in full school uniform and in school shoes. If the weather is cold students may wear a plain black coat but hooded tops and sweatshirts are not permitted.

Our school is one where Respect, Understanding, Affection and Humour are central. It is a school where we will not tolerate unacceptable behaviour, aggression or inappropriate language. Please support us with this by discouraging your children from choosing these behaviours both in school and on line. We would also ask that you monitor your child's online activity closely to ensure that the content they are accessing is appropriate and the behaviours that they are engaging in online are not going to be ones that either leave them unsafe or vulnerable or are ones that they may come to regret at a later date, perhaps even into adulthood. Should any of our students share any content that is offensive, illegal or a safeguarding risk, then we will not hesitate to report this to the necessary



authorities. We all have a responsibility for keeping each other safe, and keeping our children safe on-line.

It has been a real pleasure to see so many of our students engaging with the many extra-curricular activities that are now back on offer in school and to see Year 11 and Year 13 students especially being so focused on their exam preparation. As a community of teachers, parents and students it is vital that we continue working together to ensure everyone fulfils their potential-especially after such a difficult few years.

Can I once again thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours faithfully



Mrs A O'Callaghan  
Headteacher

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