



3rd March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Standards for the Wider Re-opening of St James'

After a period of time away from school we are very excited to welcome our students back to St James' from the week beginning the 8th March. Students have shown incredible resilience during the recent lockdown and have engaged with their learning in a truly commendable manner. It has also been great to see the quality of work which has been submitted to teachers during this time.

Having been away from school since we broke up for Christmas, we are extremely conscious that there are a number of routines and expectations that students may have forgotten over this period. In the interests of being fair and consistent, it is important to remind both students and families of these expectations, what support is available and also the potential sanctions for those students who do not meet our high standards and expectations. We truly believe that the behaviour at St James' is excellent; however, this is because we maintain the highest possible standards of behaviour, attendance, presentation and effort in lessons.

I would like to draw your attention to the following specific areas:

Attendance and Punctuality

Students must attend school regularly and be punctual to school. Our minimum expectation for attendance is 97% and we expect students to strive for 100% attendance. We understand that there are circumstances in which students cannot attend school. In these instances, it is important that the absence is reported to school through the correct channels. Students are expected to be in school by 8:40am each morning ready for form time, which starts at 8:45am. Any student who arrives after this time will be marked as late and will be expected to attend a detention on the same day (unless a reasonable explanation is provided for their lateness).

Uniform

Our standards of uniform always have been, and always will be, extremely high to ensure we promote an effective learning environment for our students. Students must wear full uniform as set out in our uniform guidelines and behaviour policy <http://www.stjamesheadle.co.uk/uniform/>. This includes students having shirts that are tucked in, wearing suitable school shoes (if in doubt please speak to Mrs Chadwick), not wearing jewellery and having appropriate haircuts for school. Hoodies are not allowed in school and will be confiscated if they are seen by a member of staff. We ask that all families ensure that appropriate uniform is worn as soon as students return to school.

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones must not be used by students in school unless they have been given the express permission of a member of staff. Phones must be switched off and placed in the student's bag during the school day. Mobile phones should not be used on school grounds, which includes using them before or after the school day. If a student is seen using their phone in school, it will be confiscated and will only be returned to the parent/carer of the student.



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E-safety

During this time of limited physical social interaction with others we understand that students may be using the internet more than normal to communicate with their peers, access work and keep in touch with the world around them. Please continue to be vigilant as to how your child is using the internet, which may include monitoring which websites they are visiting or who they are talking to online. Students will be reminded of these expectations through assemblies, which will be delivered to all Year groups during the week commencing 8th March. As always, parental support is greatly appreciated and please continue to reinforce these key messages at home.

If you have any concerns about your child meeting the expectations above and within our behaviour policy, please do not hesitate to get in contact with me d.scott@stjameschadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully

Mr Scott
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