



18<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

**Re: Behaviour & Standards**

Whilst the past term has been a challenging one for many reasons, it has been great to see our students showing such great resilience and attitude towards their learning since we returned in September. Despite the disruptions throughout the term, we have worked to maintain our high standards and expectations, which we know support the learning and progress of our students.

After the Christmas break it is important that all students continue to uphold these high standards and expectations. Below is some key information about our expectations and the sanctions we will put in place for those students who do not meet these.

**Uniform**

Our standards of uniform always have been, and always will be, extremely high. Students must wear full uniform as set out in our uniform guidelines and behaviour policy. More information can be found on our website - <http://www.stjamesheadle.co.uk/uniform/> We would like to draw specific attention to our expectations in regards to shoes, which must be dark brown, black leather or leather style shoes (not pumps, trainers or boots). If you are unsure as to whether your child's shoes are suitable please contact school to enquire.

In a previous letter we requested that families ensure students have appropriate footwear by November 2<sup>nd</sup> and as such we do expect that all students return in January with suitable shoes, which conform to the uniform expectations outlined on the website.

**Hair and make-up**

As with uniform, we expect that hair styles fit in with our high standards and expectations. This means that hair should not be of an 'unnatural' colour and should not be too short – anything below a number 2 is likely to be considered too short (especially if we can see the student's scalp through their hair). Again, if you are uncertain about this please do ask. We again ask that students and families do their best to comply with these expectations as soon as possible.

We do not feel make-up is necessary in school and as such ask that students do not wear make-up in school. Students should also not wear fake tan or fake eyelashes. Students who we feel are wearing too much make-up will be asked to remove this at the start of the day. Support from families in checking this before the school day is always appreciated.

**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. This however, is unlikely as students can make emergency contact using the school phones if needed. We understand that students may want their phones for their journey to and from school and many have their bus tickets on their phones. As such we ask that phones are switched off and placed in the student's bag during the day. Mobile phones should not be used on school grounds, which includes using them before or after the school day (for example, whilst waiting for the bus on school site). If a student is seen using their mobile phone in school this will be confiscated, placed in the school safe and must be collected by a parent.



# ST JAMES'

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

## **Punctuality**

It is of the utmost importance that all students are punctual for school and arrive for form time before 8:45 in the morning. Parents must ensure that children are ready for a suitable time to get to school. If students are late between lessons they will also be given a sanction in line with the behaviour framework, which can be found on the school website.

## **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 what websites they are visiting or who they are talking to online. As a school we will support students who are struggling to use the internet appropriately so please do ask if you feel you need support with this.

Students have been made fully aware of these expectations through assemblies, which have been delivered to all year groups. As always, parental support is most appreciated so please do reinforce these messages at home.

Thank you for your continued support in maintaining our high standards and expectations and promoting our school values of Family, Faith and Excellence.

Yours faithfully

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