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Communication

I hope you are well and are staying safe. Just a reminder that it is incredibly important that we have the correct contact details for parents/carers. This is a Health and Safety necessity as we must be able to get hold of parents/carers or named contacts in the case of an emergency. We communicate so much via email and text and it is clear that messages in some cases are not getting home. Communication is vital to the school operating and running smoothly so your support with this is very much appreciated. From September we are going to go paperless where possible, so if we do not have an email address and mobile phone number then you won't be able to get key information including reports on your child. If you are ever unsure of any of the messages that we communicate then please do get in touch with us. We would rather you ask then we can help and support.

Standards

Hoodies

Hoodies are banned in school and if they are seen during the school day they will be confiscated. Students can wear a school navy jumper if they are cold or they can bring a suitable coat. A hooded top is not a substitute.

Skirts

Students who opt to wear a skirt must adhere to the fact that they need to be knee length. I completely understand that students grow and I am completely reasonable about that. However, this message is directed at the students who alter their skirt length. Those students who continue to roll their skirt up will face a sanction. I appreciate that this may seem harsh, but the appropriateness of how the skirts are being worn by some is not acceptable and not representative of our high standards. We really welcome your support with this. I have spoken to the key students this week via an assembly and you will have received a letter. I did a standards check this morning and the skirt length was excellent. However once they have passed me the skirts have a tendency to shrink, so we will keep a close eye on this.

Black 40 denier tights or black knee socks must be worn when wearing a skirt. We have ordered a supply of brand new socks and tights and if a student is in ankle socks they will be given a new pair of black socks or black tights to change in to. Over the knee socks are not permitted.

Nails and Eye lashes

Just a reminder that false nails and painted nails are not allowed. Students will be asked to remove polish and we have a facility for this. If the nails are gel or acrylic then the student will have to be isolated until this can be rectified. Where possible we do help in getting them appointments so this matter can be dealt with swiftly. Students are very aware of what they are allowed and not allowed and your support is appreciated.

False eyelashes, again are not permitted. The students will be asked to remove them and we will support them in doing this. I appreciate some have them glued on and need them removed professionally and again they will be isolated until this can be addressed. We will support with appointments where we can.

Makeup

As per the policy students in Key Stage 4 (Year 10 and 11) are allowed to wear minimal makeup. Key Stage 3 are not permitted to wear makeup.

Jewellery

No jewellery is allowed at all except a watch. At the moment we ask students to remove items and put them away. However as this is becoming more of a problem then we will confiscate the jewellery and the student will have to collect it at the end of the day from the main office.

I feel I am very understanding and reasonable as a Headteacher. However, we have standards and expectations and we would like all our students to adhere to them. My expectations and rules are clearly set out in the school handbook and all the students are aware of what they are and are not allowed to do when they become a member of the Boteler Family. I pride myself on the High Expectations, High Aspirations and High Standards we have as a school and I do all this within the best interests of my students.

Standards underpin everything and they set the tone and are the foundation for learning. The majority of the students are superb at this, but reminders always help. It is also crucial that I have the parents and carers working with me as then you are able to relay the same message from home.

Many thanks for your continued support, it is much appreciated. Have a lovely weekend and if I can be of any help or assistance then please do not hesitate to contact me.

With very best wishes



Beverley Scott –Herron

Headteacher

John 13:63 *Be of good cheer: I have overcome the World.*