

6 October 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Expectations and Standards for Years 7 - 11

I would like to start by thanking parents/carers for their warm welcome to Waverley School over the first four weeks. In the short time that I have been at the school, I have been made to feel part of the Waverley family.

As part of our drive for high expectations and standards, I write to you to seek your support in enforcing the following:

Punctuality and attendance

If your child is going to be successful in school they need to attend school every day on time. It has been noted that a number of students are arriving to school late in the morning, after 8.30am. Being punctual is a habit that all students need to get in to as it also prepares them to do well in school and in later life.

Can I please ask parents/carers to stress upon their children to arrive to school by 8.25am to ensure they are ready and focussed for work in a timely manner. **The school gates will close at 8.30am each day.**

If parents/carers are bringing their child(ren) to school can I please ask that you arrive by 8.25am, so your child is not late.

Hoodies

A small number of students have started wearing sports hoodies to school instead of an outdoor coat. I would like to remind parents/carers that hoodies are not part of school uniform. As we approach the winter students need to wear an appropriate outdoor coat that is both waterproof and warm. As of Monday 10th October 2022 **no student will be allowed to wear a hoodie (with or without a zip) on the school site once they have entered the school gates in the morning.** If anyone is seen with a hoodie on the school site it will be confiscated and returned the following working day. Pupils will need to make arrangements to collect their hoodie from their Achievement Co-ordinator after school hours. The hoodie will not be returned during the school day.

Mobile Phones

In the past, Waverley School has operated a strict no mobile phones policy on school site. We understand that many parents/carers value their child having a mobile phone on their person whilst they are walking to and from school. We recognise this and appreciate that at times a mobile phone can help a young person to remain safe.

However, mobile phones are a distraction to learning, particularly if they are used inappropriately. They can compromise the safety and wellbeing of children and staff, which will not be accepted.

As of Monday 10th October 2022, your child may carry a mobile phone to school. It must be switched off once they are on site and stored securely inside a school bag. Mobile phones are not permitted to be stored in a coat or blazer pockets. **Mobile phones must be never seen and never heard.**

Should a mobile phone be seen or heard while in the possession of your child on the school site, **the phone will be confiscated for five working days and will only be returned to parents/carers at the end of the 5th day. Phones will not be returned to students.** If your child's phone is confiscated, parents/carers will need to make arrangements to collect the phone from their child's Achievement Co-ordinator.

Should your child wish to hand in their phone to an Achievement Co-ordinator at the beginning of the school day, this arrangement is still available.

To avoid parents/carers being inconvenienced to come to school to pick up their child's phone, could I please request that you reinforce to your child(ren) our expectations in relation to mobile phones and the consequences if their phone is seen or heard in school. Your support in this would be greatly appreciated.

Eating arrangements at break and lunchtime

Currently, some students buy food at break and lunchtime and eat it in the playground. This is leading to food being dropped on the floor but more importantly, students are not sitting down at a table and eating their food in an orderly manner.

To this end, as of Monday 10th October 2022 all students will be expected to eat their food in the canteen at break and lunchtime and they will not be allowed to take their food into the playground.

As I said in my first letter to parents/carers in September, "Your child's success depends on close co-operation between home and school". We therefore seek your cooperation in reminding your child(ren) of the above expectations and to help us to enforce them moving forward.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Sukhbir Farar
Executive Principal