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Dear Parent/Carer

Parent Update - May 2022

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome students back after the two-week Easter break and give parents some key updates regarding the Academy expectations.

Uniform

Firstly, I would like to thank all the parents that worked with students and Academy staff to ensure all students met the expectations that were shared regarding uniform. It is a real pleasure to see how smart students are when they wear our uniform with pride. Moving forward, please can I ask for your continued support in ensuring students have full, correct uniform, in particular that they wear plain, black leather shoes and that they remove hooped earrings, any facial piercings and bracelets.

Should you require financial support to sustain the standard of uniform we expect moving forward, please do not hesitate to contact the Reception office for more details on how we might be able to help.

Detentions

As we begin the summer term, we have returned to holding whole school, next day detentions, rather than separate year group detentions on a range of dates.

What does this mean?

Students who receive a yellow or red card will be required to remain at school **on the next school day** as follows:

- One yellow card = 30 minutes detention
- Two yellow cards or one red card = 1 hour detention
- The maximum time students will be kept in detention is 1 hour.

Students who do not stay as required will need to have a parent meeting with a senior member of staff to address the refusal to follow Academy rules. They will be given a chance to "fix" their behaviour and attend the detention on the next school day.

In line with our current behaviour policy, students who receive more than three incidents in one school day will be required to complete a day in isolation.

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All students were spoken to in tutor time and during assembly last week to explain our expectations again so that they are clear about how to "get it right". I would again like to ask for your support in encouraging your child to give respect, give attention and give their best. By supporting our rules, you will help to reduce the number of times a student is given a detention and support us in educating your child about the best way to behave as a young adult.

Mobile Phones

The Academy policy has always been that phones need to be switched off before students come into the building and that they remain switched off until students leave through the green gate at the end of the Academy day.

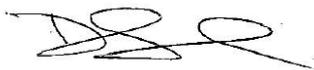
If there is an emergency, families need to contact students **through the main office or via the pastoral team**, many of whom have shared their work number with parents. Students have been asked to go to pastoral offices if they need to contact home and a member of the pastoral team will help them with this. **Please do not contact your child directly** on their mobile phone during the day as this leads to them breaking the rules and receiving a sanction as a result.

If a mobile phone is seen out during the day, regardless of if the student is using it or if it is in a lesson or at a break, it needs to be handed in so it can be collected from main reception at the end of the Academy day. Clocks are displayed around the building for students to check the time if required so there is no need for any student to use their mobile phone for this purpose.

I want all students and families to be clear about our expectations. Bradford Forster Academy is a student-centered place of learning that provides opportunities and experiences that allow students to be the best they possibly can be. Working together to instill and uphold our high standards will ensure everyone is able to access and take advantage of everything on offer to them.

Thank you all for your continued and ongoing support.

Yours sincerely



Donna Gautry
Vice Principal