

Principal: Julie Caddell

**BARLBY  
HIGH  
SCHOOL**



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Dear Parent/Carers,

Following recent press coverage I wanted to clarify what happened and to reassure you that we continue to be committed to making sure that students can learn in a supportive and respectful environment.

We attended a tribunal concerning a student who left the school two years ago. Selby Times stated that we've been asked to improve our behaviour policy which is a misleading headline. There were a number of complaints put before the courts; however only two of these complaints were considered in the tribunal and a very narrow judgement was made concerning one of these complaints. We've been asked to review and amend the behaviour policy to set out clear provision for the making of reasonable adjustments for students with SEND. We have always made these reasonable adjustments and we have a separate SEND policy which covers this. I'm very happy to add what we do to our behaviour policy and this will be tabled at the next Standards meeting of our governing body.

Our school values continue to be central to all that we do. We are a friendly, supportive community and the vast majority of students are absolutely fantastic. They are a credit to us and we are regularly told about their great attitude and behaviour. We do have high standards and this is because our young people deserve to be able to learn and to make the most of every opportunity offered to them. I have high expectations for students with SEND; this is because I can see the potential in every person and want the best for them. If they leave school without achieving their potential or not being able to be a positive member of society this is not a good outcome. Equally, I won't allow a minority of students to ruin the school for others. Our staff work so hard because they are committed to every young person being able to live life to the full; they don't come to work to be abused and in order for young people to successfully integrate into society they must understand that this is not acceptable.

I hope this reassures you and I am very grateful for your support.

With best wishes

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