



12th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are enjoying a restful half term break. Before we enter a new half term I'd like to take this opportunity to remind parents and students of our expectations for behaviour and learning. If your child has been wearing any incorrect uniform items we would appreciate it if you could use the break from school to ensure they have everything they need. This especially applies to students who have been wearing leggings in place of trousers.

Vaping

It is illegal for anyone under the age of 18 to be sold a vape. Nationally the number of 11-17 year olds vaping almost doubled between 2020 and 2022. As a school community we have clear rules and vaping is not permitted. If a student is found with a vape at school the vape will be confiscated, parents contacted and a C3 detention issued. If a student is caught vaping (regardless of who the vape belongs to) the vape will be confiscated, parents contacted and a C4 Internal Exclusion issued. Repeated behaviour will result in a suspension from school.

Uniform

Our uniform is outlined on page 11 of the student planner. Leggings are not permitted, however students who choose not to wear our kilt may wear smart black trousers.

Jewellery, nails and piercings

These items present a health and safety risk in school and therefore we have clear guidance for students on page 11 of their planner.

“Jewellery is restricted to ear studs and one plain watch. No other jewellery will be allowed apart from exceptional circumstances, e.g. medical jewellery.”

“Nails must be natural, with no nail varnish or false nails of any type.”

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Students wearing non permitted jewellery will be asked to remove this and it will be stored at Reception for them to collect at the end of the day. Any subsequent confiscations will require a parent to come and collect the item.

Students wearing false or acrylic nails of an unsuitable length will not be permitted to take part in certain practical activities such as PE, Design and Food Technology and, if they are of an extreme length, be removed from busy social areas.

Mobile Phones

We understand that students need mobile phones for bus passes and for safety reasons travelling to and from school. Our expectation is that during the school day these are switched off and safely stored in students' bags. If a student is using their phone in school without permission this will be removed and stored at Reception for them to collect at the end of the day. Any subsequent confiscations will require a parent to come and collect the item.

Planners

I hope you are finding these a useful communication tool. Please ask your child/ren for their planner weekly and sign to show that they are sharing it with you.

Classroom behaviour

In order for everyone to enjoy learning and to reach their potential we must establish a calm and purposeful classroom environment. Routines are made clear to students, who will be greeted by their teacher and during the lesson held to our behaviour standards through the adoption of our code policy:

C1 - Verbal warning given for:

In class or out of class behaviour that negatively impacts on the student themselves, other students or staff being able to succeed and thrive. Examples include; low level disruption, shouting out, distracting others, lack of focus, refusing to comply, inadequate classroom work

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C2 - 30 minute lunchtime detention given for:

In class or out of class behaviour that negatively impacts on the student themselves, other students or staff being able to succeed and thrive. Examples include; repeat C1 behaviours, non-completion of homework, persistent low level disruption, between 5-10 minutes late to lesson, late to school after the gate closes. C2 detentions will be written in student planners.

C3 - 60 minute after school detention given for:

In class or out of class behaviour that negatively impacts on the student themselves, other students or staff being able to succeed and thrive. Examples include; repeat C2 behaviours, poor language, more than ten minutes late to lesson. In some circumstances a student may escalate to a C3 lesson removal. One of our Student Liaison Officers will speak with the student and assess alongside the teacher whether they can return to the lesson. If this would be too disruptive they will be removed for the remainder of the lesson. Parents will be notified of any after school detentions.

C4 - Internal Exclusion or Suspension given for:

Serious escalation of C3 behaviours or seriously concerning behaviours in or out of lessons. Examples include: verbal abuse, derogatory language, confrontational or aggressive behaviour. Parents will be contacted and if the behaviour results in a suspension asked to attend a reintegration meeting before their child returns to school.

Last half term we updated our edulink system in response to parent feedback. You are now able to see the reason why a code has been given. If you received a detention text please log in to your edulink account to see the reason the detention has been given.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of our behaviour policy then please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you for working with us to support all our students at Barlby High School.

Yours faithfully,

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