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'The school's work to promote pupils' personal development and welfare is outstanding'. (Ofsted)

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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach half term, I just wanted to bring to your attention some information.

Expectations – Uniform and Equipment Cards

From the first day back, we will be putting even more emphasis on basic expectations and conduct. Every student will be given a uniform and equipment card that they will receive every Monday. We will be extremely focused on ensuring we get off to a good start and the students uniform and equipment will be checked on a regular basis every day. Infringements will be recorded on the card.

Those students who have a clean card will receive recognition via Arbor and their cards will go into a draw for further rewards. Those students that do not fulfil our expectations and receive 3 signatures or lose their cards in any given week will receive a 30-minute detention on a Friday. The following week will be a fresh start for all students. Further information regarding our uniform expectations can be found at <u>School Uniform (hhhs.net)</u>

In the event of a student failing to comply with expectations on a regular basis they may spend time in our ready to learn space and parents or carers will be expected to attend school to discuss this further. As I stated in July, I cannot emphasise enough how a correct uniform, appearance and equipment helps ensure we can focus on learning and supporting our young people. Whilst the overwhelming number of our students always conform to our expectations; we continue to deal with a small number of issues daily. This takes away valuable learning time for the students in question.

The Behaviour Curriculum

After the holidays all students will reflect on the key expectations we have across the school and the reasons for them, as well as what they look like in practice. This will predominantly occur through the engagement period in the morning but will be reinforced through assemblies and lessons. Again, we believe that behaviour can be modified through learning. We will share the information shared with students so that all families are aware of what we need to see demonstrated. Again, positive behaviour impacts directly on learning. We would be grateful if you could discuss this your child. In relation to PSHE, in response to student and parental feedback, we are broadening further our curriculum to provide even more opportunities to discuss and reflect on key areas such as social media. Mrs Atherton has written to you today with more details.

Arbor Information Management System

From next half term parents will be able to access the following information via the Arbor app:

- Their child's attendance at school
- Their child's behaviour, including the number of positive behaviour points awarded and the number of negative behaviour points awarded
- Receive in-app messages.

- Make payments this will definitely be needed to top up lunch accounts as WEDUC payments will be switched off.
- Inform school of any changes to their child's record, e.g. email addresses and postal addressees. These will have to be checked by school and accepted before any changes are made.

We hope that the sharing of this information will assist parents and carers in supporting their child as well as reflecting on their attitude in school. If you have not yet registered on the Arbor app, it is essential that you do so as soon as possible. Please contact us if you need support with this.

Parent Forum

Over the last two years we have held parent forums in school when parents or carers can bring to our attention their views on all aspects of the school curriculum. If you would like to be apart of these forums, please register your interest with Miss Walsh <u>c.walsh1@hhhs.net</u>. The next meeting will take place on Thursday 9th of November at 4.30 pm.

Curriculum update on the Website

We have recently made some adaptations to the curriculum pages on our website. After consultation with parents, requesting further information on the curriculum being taught, we have added curriculum overview documentation for every subject at both key stage 3 and key stage 4. We hope that you find this valuable and a means to support your child. You can find this information at https://hhbs.net/our-curriculum/

In the first week of next half term, I will write to you with further information regarding the adaptations we are making. Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mr Klinck

