

Friday 16th December 2022

Dear Parents / Carers

Christmas updates

I wanted to issue a further communication to coincide with the last day of term to wish you all a very merry Christmas and a prosperous and peaceful New Year. I also wanted to issue a couple of updates which will be important when students return to school on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

Behaviour

From January Netherwood will adopt a new behaviour policy to bring it into line with other schools in the Trust. There are many similarities and students will feel little difference in how the school is run. However, it is important to take note of the following points as they are either important reminders or elements of the behaviour policy that have changed subtly.

Mobile Phones - Should a mobile phone be seen or heard it will be confiscated and stored in the school safe until 3:05 the following day when a parent or carer can collect the device. Subsequent offences may result in students being subject to a Mobile Phone contract where they hand over their device daily. This applies at all times when students are in the academy, and starts and ends at the gates; mobile phones seen at 3:00 within school grounds are still subject to confiscation.

Jewellery – Students are allowed to wear one stud in each ear lobe; other jewellery such as rings, necklaces, bracelets and other piercings will be confiscated and stored in the school safe until the final day of the half term when a parent or carer can collect the jewellery from 3:05. This applies at all times when students are in the academy, and starts and ends at the gates; jewellery seen at 3:00 within school grounds is still subject to confiscation.

Nose studs - Nose piercings are not allowed under any circumstances. This includes clear studs. Students must remove all nose piercings before they arrive at school. Should nose studs be seen within school they will be confiscated and sanctions in line with all other jewellery implemented.

Make-up and nails – Make-up should be discrete. Any make-up that is deemed excessive by the academy, including false eyelashes, will need to be removed before students enter the academy. Nails that are acrylic or coloured (including white) will need to be removed before students attend the academy. Students will be held in the Triage Base until make-up and nails are rectified.

Uniform – Students are expected to wear the following to school each day; Netherwood blazer, white collared shirt, Netherwood tie, black trousers (not jeans or leggings), solely black polishable shoes. Students who deviate from this expectation will be held in the Triage Base until rectified. The academy has a range of uniform for students to borrow in the Uniform and Attendance Hub. If you are purchasing shoes for after Christmas, our local branch of Wynsor's is fully aware of our uniform requirements and will be happy to offer any guidance. Their details are below.

Address: 90 Doncaster Rd, Barnsley S70 1TW

Phone: [01226 779993](tel:01226779993)

Belts - If a student opts to wear a belt it must be plain and discrete. Belts that have large logos are not allowed.

Equipment – Students are expected to bring the following equipment to school each day: pen; pencil; ruler; purple pen; and planner (with timetable stuck in). Failure to have the equipment results in a Tier 1 Detention.

Detentions - From January the detention process will be streamlined. Students will only receive Tier 1 or Tier 2 Detentions. Tier 1 Detentions run from 3:00-3:45, for behaviours such as lack of equipment, lateness or disruption in class, and Tier 2 Detentions run from 3:00-4:30, for two Tier 1 behaviours or behaviours such as verbal abuse of other students. If a student misses a Tier 1 Detention this will escalate to a Tier 2 Detention. If a student misses a Tier 2 Detention, students will be held in the Reset Base until parents/carers attend the academy to meet with pastoral colleagues.

Triage Base – If a student is removed from lessons they will enter the Triage Base. Here they will be booked into Reset Base and given time to de-escalate. If a student is removed from lesson they will spend 24 hours in the Reset Base. E.g If they are removed period 3 on Monday they will return to lessons P4 on Tuesday. On the day of removal, the student will finish their day at 4:30. If the removal occurs Period 5 (after 1:55) they will finish their day at 4:30 the following day.

Reset Base – If a student fails to attend a Tier 2 detention, is suspended or behaves in a way that the academy deems excessive, they will be booked into the Reset Base upon their return to the academy. Students booked into the Reset Base will hand over all electronic devices and bags upon arrival. Whilst in the Reset Base students will follow their own timetable, accessing learning online via Oak National Academy. If a student is booked into the Reset Base their day will end at 4:30.

Many of us will face a challenging time over Christmas, with the cost of living crisis and rising energy bills leaving many people vulnerable. We also recognize that, for many people, Christmas is not necessarily the “most wonderful time of the year”. I have listed below a range of links which may assist you (or people you know) at any time, but especially over the festive period.

Food banks

<https://barnsley.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/>

Warm spaces & wellbeing support

<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/advice-benefits-and-council-tax/help-with-the-rising-cost-of-living/wellbeing-support/>

Healthy Holidays clubs

<https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/health-and-wellbeing/children-young-people-and-families/healthy-holidays/healthy-holidays-clubs/>

Domestic abuse support

<https://www.livewellbarnsley.co.uk/directory/idas-independent-domestic-abuse-services/>

<https://www.berneslaihomes.co.uk/support-for-tenants/domestic-abuse/>

Childline

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/our-services/childline/>

I would genuinely like to wish each and every one of you a happy holiday, and hope you get to spend time with those you love. After a very long and tiring term, I think everyone deserves some time to let their hair down.

Merry Christmas!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Mitchell', written in a cursive style.

Mr J Mitchell
Principal