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Dear Students, Parents & Carers,

We have had an excellent start to academic year 2018/19.

As you know at All Saints Catholic School we have high expectations of all of our community and that is what makes us not only a caring community but a successful one as evidenced by our outstanding examination results.

At the beginning of the year I believe it is important to highlight some of our key points from our policies that are in place and can be viewed on our website.

Uniform - Our uniform requirements were sent out at the end of the summer school term. Students look incredibly smart and I am grateful to parents for the excellent support of our Uniform Policy. There are no exceptions to the uniform code. The Sixth form have returned to school with an excellent dress code in place and are role models to our younger students.

Attendance - I have outlined the term dates of the academic year below, our attendance target is 97%. The dates have been given to ensure that no holidays occur in term time. This is disruptive to your child's education and may lead to the absence not being authorised and resulting in a penalty notice being issued by the local authority. Leave of absence requests are to come directly to me with the completed form. Where there is a genuine cause for leave of absence from school I will respond accordingly. In addition all other routine appointments should be arranged outside of school time.

Punctuality – It is important that pupils arrive ready to learn by 8:45am. Lateness will not be tolerated as it impacts on lessons and learning. Please ensure that you child leaves home in sufficient time to arrive on time.

Mobile phones –are not to be seen in school. I understand that you may wish your child to have one for their personal safety/contact reasons. If your child has a mobile phone, they must turn it off as they enter the school gates. If a phone is seen in school we will confiscate it and ask you to collect it.

Commute to and from school – students are to wear full school uniform to and from school. In wearing their uniform they are representing our school community. Conduct that brings our school in to disrepute will be dealt with in accordance with our Behaviour Policy. It is important that pupils go straight home after school and do not hang around shops and fast food outlets. Pupils from All Saints are not permitted to use McDonalds after school as outlined in my letter in previous years. Senior staff are out at the school gates every morning and evening and are at bus stops to ensure pupils are safe.



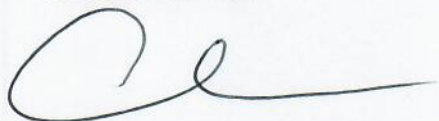
In our **Anti-Bullying Policy** it is clear that we have a zero tolerance policy. If any parent or pupil is concerned about any issue please do contact us. Rest assured it will be dealt with promptly and discretely. You would have seen in the media there is much talk about the negative use of social media. We will continue to work with students to ensure E-safety. However, I ask that parents monitor and advise your children on the negative use of social media and the implications of this.

All Saints is a harmonious community. This has been established over many years through developing positive relationships and respect for all in our community. Violence of any kind will not be tolerated. Possession of an offensive weapon or the use of anything as an offence weapon will result in permanent exclusion. The same sanction applies to the possession of drugs. It is important that we have zero tolerance on these issues and that all in our community are aware of the consequences of such activities.

Student and parental surveys overwhelming indicate that pupils feel safe at All Saints Catholic School and this is to be celebrated and protected. I will protect and advise pupils as if they were my own and I trust you appreciate our intentions in highlighting these points.

I thank you for your ongoing support of the work done at All Saints Catholic School and we look forward to another highly successful Academic Year.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clare Cantle', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Clare Cantle

Headteacher