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Dear Parents/Carers,

At the beginning of every school year I write to reiterate some key points from our policies. I am so proud of our school community and all that we achieve together. We all work tirelessly to make this an outstanding place of growth and learning in every respect. I will defend and protect our All Saints family from negative external interference and will not accept any behaviours and actions that fall below our high expectations. As a result of this approach over a number of years we have a happy and harmonious community. We ask that you read all areas addressed in this letter and ensure you understand all the information and content in it. If there are any queries please do not hesitate to contact us.

All relevant statutory information and policies are on our school website.

Uniform

Our uniform requirements were sent out previously as a reminder. Students have returned looking incredibly smart and I am grateful to the vast majority of parents that adhere to this and are supportive. There are no exceptions to the uniform of the school.

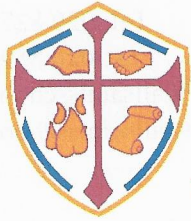
Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%. As ever we are ambitious for our young people and good attendance is key. The term dates for this year have been circulated and are on our website. Holidays in term time are disruptive to your child's education and may lead to the absence not being authorised resulting in a penalty notice fine being issued by the local authority. If your child is absent you must ring 0208 270 4242 option 1 for years 7-11, option 3 for 6th form on the 1st day of absence and every subsequent day. 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 e.g. dentist/opticians should be arranged outside of school time.

Mobile Phone

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 and the phone is to be kept in their blazer. If a phone is seen in school we will confiscate it and ask you to collect it. Mobile phones are not to be used in anyway in school (making calls, texting, taking photos/videos). If a child does need to contact a parent urgently this will be done in the school office and the same for parents needing to contact their child urgently. It is of note that if a child films anyone without their consent or films/records in





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school this will be dealt with as a serious misconduct matter. This also applies to posting images/recordings on any online/social media platform.

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 Behavior 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.

Anti-Bullying Policy

It is clear that we have a zero tolerance of bullying of any kind. If any parent or pupil is concerned about any issue please do contact us. Rest assured it will be dealt with promptly and discretely. We see regularly 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. Malicious communications on any social media platform will be reported to the police. However, I ask that parents monitor and advise your children on the negative use of social media and legal the implications of this.

Positive relationships with our school and with the local community have been formed over the many years All Saints has been in existence. Violence of any kind will not be tolerated. Possession of an offensive weapon, an object modified to be used as a weapon, or the use of anything as a weapon will result in permanent exclusion. The same sanction applies to the possession of alcohol, drugs and legal highs e.g. nitrous oxide canisters etc. It is important that all have a very clear understanding of these points and the consequences of such conduct.

Student and parental surveys are positive about the school and the safe environment we have created. This is something to be celebrated and protected. I will protect and advise pupils as if they were my own and I trust you appreciate my intentions in highlighting these points.

As ever thank you for your kind words and positive feedback for what we do at All Saints. Your unwavering support is greatly appreciated. I look forward to another outstanding year at All Saints School.

Yours sincerely,

Clare Cantle
Headteacher

