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Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout the year. It's over 6 months since your child started at John Willmott, hopefully you all had time to read our recent Ofsted report which we are pleased with. We are working hard to continue this positive journey, which you are part of.

Uniform

Thank you for your support in ensuring your son/daughter is attending school in the correct uniform. Please make sure that when your son/daughter leaves for school in the morning that they are dressed appropriately. All pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform, including tie and blazer. I have provided details of our uniform policy overleaf. I would like to draw particular attention to footwear: shoes must be plain black, with no logos. Trainers and pumps are not permitted. We do permit Nike Air Force 1s as a school shoe. Skirts must be 2 inches above the knee and not tight fitting. Trousers also must not be tight fitting. If your son/daughter comes to school in the incorrect uniform or with an appearance unsuitable for a school environment they may be removed from lessons if the problem cannot be rectified. Please ensure your child's uniform is correct.

Equipment, Conduct Cards & Planners

I expect all students to come to school equipped ready to learn. Every student requires the following items, as a minimum: black pens, pencil, ruler, these should be placed in a suitable size pencil case. All pupils should also have a suitable sized school bag. We do not allow small pouches and these should not be on sight, if seen then they will be confiscated from pupils. Please can you all ensure that your child has the correct equipment on return to school. All pupils have a conduct card which they should have on them at all times.

Attendance & Punctuality

At John Willmott School, we expect all students to achieve a minimum attendance of 96%. An attendance of 90% is the equivalent of being absent for one day (5 hours of learning) every two weeks. Please contact the Attendance office on 0121 378 6575 for every day that your child is absent AND send in a note on the first day of their returning, with an explanation of their absence. We will be having a big push in the coming weeks and are running rewards for pupils based around attendance.

The school day begins at 8.50am and we expect all students to be in school before that time and our school hall is open from 8am, If your child arrives after 8.50am twice in a week then this will result in your child receiving a detention, this is reflective of our 'High Expectations'.

Social Media

With your child now in Secondary School then they may have more access to Social Media, please can I ask that as parents you discuss the importance of using this sensibly. Despite assemblies there have been a number of incidents that have occurred with all of the incidents happening outside of school hours. If there are any issues around this please keep any messages and inform form tutors. Any negative incidents around this will result in sanctions being given in school.

Rewards and sanctions

We offer a number of different rewards to encourage pupils and praise good behaviour, our most recent trip to the cinema was very successful with over 200 pupils being taken to the cinema at Christmas, this pupils had 100% attendance and zero negative points, Pupils also receive house points and FGF (Feel Good Friday phone call home) along with certificates. If your child is placed in detention then this will be because they have not adhered to the school behaviour policy, the Department for Education guidelines are clear this is not dependent on parental permission.

I believe we all have one common goal and that is for your son/daughter to succeed in their education. Collectively we need to work together for this to happen and if your son/daughter can adhere to the above it will go a long way in achieving this.

Again thank you for your continuing support.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or your son/daughters Form Tutor.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J Hunter', written over a circular scribble.

Mr J Hunter
Head of Pastoral Care