

Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

### **Uniform & Behaviour**

The Covid Pandemic has made this a difficult and uncertain year in all aspects of life, including education. We have welcomed students back to learning in school after lockdowns, with the aim of ensuring that students can return to face-to-face learning without high levels of stress and anxiety. We have also been mindful of the issues that have affected families.

We believe that the time is now right to get back our usual high standards of uniform and behavior. We believe that a smart uniform is very important; it demonstrates the pride that students take in our school and signals their belonging and commitment to our learning community. It also reflects our high standards and our conviction that a 'professional business appearance' is very important and sets the right tone for learning. No extremes of appearance are acceptable and we are now asking for the support of parents in ensuring their children dress and present themselves correctly – false eyelashes and nail extensions are not allowed. Any student not in full uniform or whose appearance does not meet our standards will be asked to address this urgently. In case of unforeseen problems with uniform, parents should contact the appropriate Learning Manager.

We are keen to ensure high standards of behavior in school to ensure that all students are able to learn with minimal disruption. We would also like to remind you of our policy on mobile phones. Pupils are only permitted to use their phones during break and lunchtimes. Phones must be kept in bags during lesson time. Staff will confiscate phones if they are seen. Pupils can collect them at the end of the day from the main reception. If a pupil is using their phone to take images or share images of other pupils and/or staff then the phone will be confiscated and parents contacted. This behaviour may also result in an exclusion.

It is our expectation that students will follow the instructions given to them by their teacher or other staff member. We also require students to comply with our Covid restrictions that are still in force: mask wearing (lanyard if exempt), adhering to classroom seating plans and following the one-way system. Students are still unable to change in school so should wear their PE kit on PE days or when they are attending an after-school sport activity however they must be in their Flint High PE top with plain black bottoms. Students are permitted to wear their jumper and blazer with their PE top on these days if they do not have the non-compulsory PE jacket.

We welcome your ongoing support in ensuring the high standards that are set at Flint High School are met by our students. We will be checking and challenging uniform and dress standards as students enter the building on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021. The information about uniform and standards has been shared by form tutors to all students via virtual whole-school assembly.

Thank you for your continued support during this academic year, it makes an enormous difference and we are glad that your child is with us.

Yours faithfully



J. Connelly  
Headteacher

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