



# BEVERLEY HIGH SCHOOL



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Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope that this letter finds you safe and well. I am writing to you to provide an update on the school's behaviour policy and how your child can use their mobile phone in school. First of all, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support with preparing your child / children for the start of a new academic year at school. Most students have returned, or started in Year 7, looking very smart in their Beverley High School uniform.

As a school we not only prioritise academic learning but also a child's emotional wellbeing. We appreciate that some students find some aspects of day to day life and / or the change from holidays to school a challenge. Please reassure your child that they can talk to their form tutor and / or members of the wellbeing team if they need further support with general school life; personal social and emotional needs and / or the social and emotional implications of Covid-19. We have also created a new role within school to help support our students, that of Emotional Support Worker. The new member of staff is Miss Bird. Through this new role we hope that we can further support the emotional wellbeing of our students.

Good behaviour and a positive attitude have always been at the centre of our school's ethos. It is through our high expectations that students thrive at Beverley High School academically and leave school as well rounded and mature members of the community. Behaviour and attitudes at Beverley High School are of a very high standard; students want to work hard in lessons and they are respectful to their peers and teachers. However, occasionally students need to be reminded about how to behave. If a member of Senior Leadership Team has to speak to your child about their behaviour you will be notified automatically by email. If you do receive an email please use this as an opportunity to discuss the incident with your child and encourage them to consider how they will improve their attitude for the following day. We believe that these conversations at school and at home will help deal with problems before they escalate and help students reflect on how they have behaved and why their attitude was not appropriate.



In addition, now that Covid-19 restrictions have been lifted we are following our full mobile phone policy, details of this and the reasons behind our approach can be found on our website. However, here is a quick reminder of our expectations:

- 1) Mobile devices can only be used before school starts in the form room and during the lunch break 12.25-1.10pm and students need to be seated in one of the designated classrooms for their year group or alternatively on one of the benches in the corridor.
- 2) Students are not allowed to walk around school using their phones.
- 3) Mobile devices are not allowed at any other time of the school day and we kindly request that your child walks into school with their phone switched off and in their school bag.

If a child uses their mobile phone at times they should not, it will be confiscated and, in the first instance, the student may collect their phone at the end of the school day from the School Office. If this happens a second time a parent / carer will need to collect the child's phone. Any further incidents will result in the student losing their phone during school hours for the following 5 days. The student will hand their phone into reception at the beginning of the day and will collect their phone at 3.15pm. Phones will be placed in an envelope and kept in the school safe. This policy will begin from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September we are currently reminding students about our expectations.

Finally, to support our high expectations please can you ensure that students do not have any form of facial or oral piercing, a clear plastic retainer is suitable if the stud cannot be removed *at this time*. Shoes also need to be black in leather or PVC with no logos. Uniform is important to further establish a positive reputation of our students in the community and provides pupils with a sense of belonging; it provides a smart and a professional appearance supporting our high expectations and when students follow the uniform policy it means that our conversations are based on learning and positive attitude rather than the dress code. The details of our uniform policy can be found in your child's planner and on the school's website. Please do contact the school if you need support with buying your child's uniform or equipment, we do appreciate that the pandemic has affected a lot of peoples' financial situation.

Yours sincerely

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