



9 September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I trust you and your families are keeping well. You can't imagine how proud I am of the excellent start our staff and students have made to the term and how focused, calm and academic the feel of the Academy has been as we return to full school life. This absolutely is the way forward and I am grateful that you all support the expectations that students behave and learn well every day for every staff member.

I wanted to highlight a few brilliant habits that you can support your child with at home to match the high expectations we have of them in school for their academic life and their personal development. Please take a closer look here and think of something you can start this week to ensure all the habits are being strengthened. We will spotlight and give top tips in the coming weeks for each of these.



## Successful Behaviours – Parents & Carers



### Attendance & Punctuality

Parents/Carers support students to be **in and on time every day**  
\*other than medical or family emergencies



**Independent Study**  
Parents/Carers direct students to private study areas  
\*at home and/or school



### Equipment & Uniform

Parents/Carers should provide full equipment & uniform everyday.



**Diet, Exercise & Sleep**  
Parents/Carers should encourage a healthy lifestyle

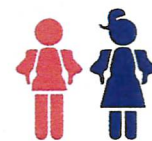


### Home-learning & Planners

Parents/Carers should check Google Classroom and edulink for homework weekly



**Internet Awareness**  
Parents/Carers should monitor internet & mobile use



### SPA Guarantee

Parents/Carers should encourage participation in opportunities



**Celebrate Learning**  
Celebrate progress; celebrate challenges; discuss next steps

## Uniform

Whilst there are still some issues to be resolved, the majority of students and their families had everything in order at the start of the year. We will endeavour to ask the staff from the Uniform Shop company to continue to support you as you get those final pieces of uniform or corrections to sizes sorted out. A couple of things to be really mindful of that will be addressed as uniform infringements if they are seen/worn:



- a) Hoodies/masks of any kind except NHS white medical masks. We have those should a student need them.
- b) Jewellery of any kind and for any reason - nose piercings, earrings, rings, necklaces bracelets.
- c) False eyelashes, nails or hairstyles which do not meet the expectations.

### **Welcome to Year 7**

We are so pleased to finally have our new intake with us in Year 7; they have been very mature and responsible in the way they have gone about their first few days of secondary school. Please make sure that all ParentPay accounts have sufficient funds for lunch on them ahead of next week and that students bring their filled water bottles to school every day to stay hydrated.

### **Punctuality**

Students must arrive at school before the bell for school is rung at 8.17am; students arriving after 8.19am are late and will be issued with an appropriate sanction. I very much appreciate your support in ensuring that your child arrives at school on time every morning, as well as your ongoing support of the Home/School Partnership in working together for your child's academic progress and success.

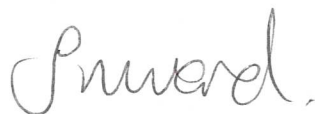
### **Safety and Conduct on the way to and from school**

We want to remind students to stay on the main routes to school. Some local residents have been upset by litter and students walking up to doors and windows of residents. Can I ask that you remind your child to actively choose to act with care and respect at all times outside of school. Where possible, ensure your child gets the bus from outside the school to prevent them from being involved in any issues within the local community at the shops and library.

Our Open Day will take place on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September (9am – 12.00) and so the school will be closed to staff and students on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September.

I hope you have a good week ahead and thank you for your support for all that we do at St Paul's.

With my very best wishes,



**Mrs S Ward**

**Principal**