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Dear parent/carers,

I am writing to you to give an update on our rules and expectations about behaviour outside school.

Behaviour outside school

A) Positive behaviour

All students should behave impeccably outside school. This has particular relevance when they are in school uniform. We expect students to act as positive ambassadors for our school and to be considerate members of the local community. We are always delighted to hear praise about our students and welcome your feedback where you see notable good behaviour.

Parents and students need to be aware that students must follow staff instructions outside school at all times (this is backed up by the law – see below).

Positive behaviour is not negotiable and involves:

- Wearing uniform smartly and with pride
- Being considerate of all around you
- Using polite language
- Being considerate of the environment
- Safe behaviour, with no risks to self or others

B) Avoiding poor behaviour

We do not expect any poor behaviour but we will impose a consequence should it occur. Examples follow – but these are not exclusive.

Tier 1: Inconsiderate/bringing school into minor disrepute – consequence - move on + appropriate in-school detention (30 mins)

- Gathering in a medium-large group – blocking the pavement (NB could be Tier 2 or 3 if intent is malicious and/or is in banned area)
- Not wearing uniform/partial uniform
- Litter/gum dropping
- Swearing audibly

Tier 2: Safety risk – consequence - parents informed + appropriate in school detention (1 hr)

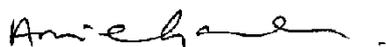
- Careless use of road/pavement – on foot or bicycle (including doubling up on bike)
- Kicking ball on pavement or road
- Meeting with students who have been excluded from our school or other schools
- Excessive and inconsiderate noise on bus (NB could be Tier 3 if intent is malicious)
- Covering face which prevents identification e.g. hood up when not raining (NB could be Tier 3 if intent is malicious)
- Failure to follow staff instructions quickly

Tier 3: illegal/breach of school rules/ significant safety risk – consequence – exclusion + parent meeting including police presence

- Failure to follow staff instructions repeatedly
- Pushing / shoving
- Entering Millenium or other take away shops/hanging around in that area
- Illegal, unsafe or highly inconsiderate behaviour in Clissold Park or other surrounding areas –including in the evening or weekend
- Filming antisocial behaviour to publicise it
- Meeting with other young people with intent to intimidate or cause trouble
- Trespassing on private property
- Pranks – bell ringing/ foam/etc
- Use of abusive and/or threatening language towards other students/staff or members of public
- Use of abusive and/or threatening language towards other students/staff via social media
- Smoking
- Drugs –promoting use/carrying/use/dealing
- Unsafe object carrying – see rules on fireworks/weapons
- Fighting/assault

Please ensure you take careful note of all the information above. The students have their own letter and have had discussions with their form tutors about this.

Best wishes,



Annie Gammon
Headteacher

From the DFE guidance: Behaviour and Discipline in Schools January 2016

“Pupils’ conduct outside the school gates – teachers’ powers

What the law allows:

23. Teachers have the power to discipline pupils for misbehaving outside of the school premises “to such an extent as is reasonable”⁷ – see paragraph 21.

24. Maintained schools and Academies’ behaviour policies should set out what the school will do in response to non-criminal bad behaviour and bullying which occurs off the school premises and which is witnessed by a staff member or reported to the school, including the punishments that will be imposed on pupils.

25. Subject to the behaviour policy, teachers may discipline pupils for:

- misbehaviour when the pupil is:
 - taking part in any school-organised or school-related activity or
 - travelling to or from school or
 - wearing school uniform or
 - in some other way identifiable as a pupil at the school.
- or misbehaviour at any time, whether or not the conditions above apply, that:
 - could have repercussions for the orderly running of the school or
 - poses a threat to another pupil or member of the public or
 - could adversely affect the reputation of the school. “