

20<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Poltair School introduced a new Behaviour Policy approximately 18 months ago. Since its introduction I am pleased to share that on all recent visits to the school by external Trust colleagues the behaviour of students has been reported as exemplary. This is a huge achievement for everyone in the school and as a result, the school environment is very settled, enabling all students to learn effectively. However, at Poltair we are not settling for good enough, our expectation is of making this one of the best schools in Cornwall and so, it is important that we continue to 'Raise the Bar' to ensure students have the greatest chance of success. Therefore, from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June, students will be expected to meet the standards set out below.

#### Jewellery

It has always been our policy that students can only wear one pair of small stud earrings and all other forms of piercing are forbidden. Unfortunately, some students do not always adhere to this rule. Therefore, if a student arrives at school with prohibited item(s) of jewellery, the item(s) will be confiscated and the student will be issued with a 2-point sanction. These sanctions will be escalated to a 3-point and 4-point sanction if these actions are repeated.

#### Mobile phones

If a student chooses to bring a mobile phone into school, it must be switched off and placed in their school bag. If a student is seen using a mobile phone on school site, it will be confiscated and they will receive a sanction in accordance with our Behaviour Policy. If a student has a mobile phone confiscated three times in one term, the student will be placed in the Removal Room and the school will keep the phone for 24 hours. Should this confiscation period be a Friday, then parents can collect their child's phone at the end of that school day, the same will apply the day before a school holiday. Students on school site, using a mobile phone between 3.00pm and 3.15pm will also be issued with a 3-point sanction.

#### Uniform

School shirts must be tucked in at all times. If a student receives a reminder on more than one occasion in a day they will be issued with a 3-point sanction. Students are encouraged to bring jackets/coats to school. However, these must be removed before entering any indoor space. Please be aware that hoods must only be worn when outside and it is raining. At no other time should students have their hoods up.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, and to financially support our school community, we decided to delay the requirement of students needing to wear formal shoes. However, from September 2021, it will be the requirement that all students must wear plain black formal shoes that are polishable and made from leather or a leather like material. All 'trainer' style shoes will no longer be allowed.

All socks must be plain black, above ankle height and without logos.

Recently we have seen an increasing number of students drawing on their hands and arms. This is not permitted and students should refrain from this. If this is seen, the teacher may choose to sanction a student.

Thank you for your continued support and should you wish to discuss any of the points raised in greater detail, please contact your child's Head of Year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M Foster', written on a light pink background.

Mr Foster  
Assistant Headteacher