



Clacton County High School

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Higher Expectations, Raising Aspirations

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Dear Parent/Carers

Important Changes from Monday, 26th April

As you will be aware, the school motto is '*Higher Expectations, Raising Aspirations*' and we are determined to maintain our high standards in school.

Whilst we recognise that reoccurring lockdowns have made it difficult for some parents to obtain replacement uniform, but with shops reopening and as we move into the summer term, this should no longer be an issue. It is very important that we move back in line with our expectations of students which are an integral part of our identity as well as our good standing within the local community.

Therefore, as of this Monday, 26th April we are asking for your support in bringing about the resumption of our expectations in particular regard to uniform and mobile phones.

School Uniform

From Monday 26th April hoodies or branded crew neck jumpers will no longer be acceptable items to be worn in school at any time. These items, or similar, should not be brought to school. Only plain black school trousers are acceptable; no skinny jeans or leggings will be permitted. We will contact you for your support and to ask for you to bring their correct uniform into school for them to change into. Checking your child is in correct uniform will alleviate the need for school to contact you.

Any students wearing incorrect jumpers or sweatshirts will be asked to remove them and may result in the item being confiscated until the end of the day.

From Tuesday, 4th May all students will be expected to be wearing their correct full CCHS uniform, this includes footwear; no trainers, boots or canvas shoes are acceptable, plain black school shoes must be worn by all students. Outdoor garments may not be worn indoors, this includes corridors, classrooms and communal spaces.

From Monday 7th June for all PE practical lessons students will come to school in their correct CCHS school uniform, and change into the CCHS PE kit at the start of their practical PE lesson. Details of the correct PE kit is available on the school website.

ParentPay and Clouds Restaurant

Following on from our recent IT issues, everything is now back up and running, please ensure your child has sufficient money on their payment cards to pay for their food purchases.

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Mobile Phones

From Monday 26th April we are reinforcing our expectations of school being a 'Student No Phone Zone'. Mobile phones can be brought to and from school, but when entering the school site, all phones must be switched off and placed into school bags. From Monday, any student who has their phone out in a **lesson** will be picked up by a member of the senior leadership team and issued with a C3 after school detention. The mobile phone will be confiscated and removed to a safe place for the student to collect at the end of the day. Refusal to hand over a phone will result in a more robust consequence.

Students seen with their phones out whilst on the school site during social times will also have them confiscated and retained in a safe place until the end of the school day.

School Equipment

The majority of students arrive at their lessons fully equipped with everything they need and ready to proceed and engage with their learning. Whilst Coronavirus restrictions still remain it is important that students do not share equipment and continue to bring their own resources such as pens, pencils, rulers, etc in an appropriately sized school bag. They should also bring their own re-useable water bottle.

Face Masks

Unfortunately for us all, except for those with an exemption, we are still all required to wear face masks in all areas of the school. As soon as this restriction is lifted we will contact you again to advise accordingly.

Medical Room

The medical room in school is an important facility that the school provides. Any student who feels unwell must inform their teacher who will contact a first aider in the first instance. Students should not leave lessons unless they have a permission pass to do so. Students should not leave the school site at anytime without permission to do so. If a student is unwell, the first aid team will contact home for the student to be collected.

We know that as parents and carers you will also want the school to continue to have the highest of expectations and standards to ensure we obtain the very best possible educational outcomes for your children; as ever we are confident of having your support to ensure that students understand and respond to the return to this school's expectations.

It is really important that as a school we reinforce the high standards in place prior to the pandemic crisis became our reality of the past year or so and I look forward to working in partnership with you over the next few weeks, your support will be vital to the success of the implementation of the uniform, PE kit, school equipment and mobile phone expectations.

Yours sincerely

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