



Bluecoat Beechdale
Academy

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Friday 6th October 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

In previous letters and parent meetings, I have shared our determination to continue to raise standards at Bluecoat Beechdale Academy. In this letter I will share reminders about our existing uniform policy and health and safety advice regarding students' travel to and from the academy as we approach the winter months and further information about how we have raised expectations in terms of student learning behaviours.

Uniform Update

At the start of this year we made a deliberate effort to improve the standards of uniform and I am delighted to say that the vast majority of students meet these expectations without any need for further reminders. I am mindful that as children grow, there may be need to replace items of uniform throughout the year. Please refer to our website www.bluecoatbeechdale.co.uk and contact the academy to ensure that you only purchase items that meet our expectations.

Appropriate Winter Coats

As the weather deteriorates, we recommend that students have an appropriate winter coat for school. Ideally, this should have some waterproof qualities and some reflective material. Hoodies are not appropriate as they are not waterproof. Any items that students wear to keep themselves warm and dry should be worn on the outside of their full school uniform. Students must not wear coats instead of their blazers.

Behaviour Policy

Students have all had assemblies this week to outline the changes we have made to our sanctions for poor behaviour choices. The aim of these changes is to make sure that we continue to reduce any disturbance to learning and to continue to improve the conduct of students throughout their time at the academy. The main points to note for all students are:

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- If a student receives a third warning for disrupting learning in a single lesson, they will be removed from the lesson, receive a negative point and a detention.
- Students are responsible for ensuring they attend their detentions
- There are increasing sanctions for failure to serve detentions which include a 90 minute detention with a member of the Academy Leadership Team at the end of the day on Friday. This is in addition to the original detention that was imposed.



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We believe that the warning system means that students have fair opportunity to amend their behaviour before any detention needs to be issued. However, it is important that students who do not make positive behaviour choices understand that there are consequences to their poor behaviour. We are also insistent that the vast majority of students who want to learn to the best of their ability should not be affected by the very small number of students that disrupt the progress of a lesson.

Safety When Cycling to the Academy

Many students choose to ride bikes to get to and from the academy. We support this by having a bike shelter which protects the bikes from rain during the day. However, it is important that students accept the following responsibilities for us to continue to allow them to bring their bikes on site:

- Bikes need to be roadworthy with two fully operating brakes and a seat
- During the winter months, bikes should have adequate lights so that they can be seen by other road users
- We recommend that students wear helmets and high visibility clothing whilst riding
- Students need to bring in their own bike chains and locks to secure their bikes
- Students must not ride their bikes whilst on academy grounds
- Students must ride responsibly throughout their journey

Our main priority is for pupil safety. Unfortunately, I have been made aware that some students have been “doing wheelies” down busy local main roads. If we become aware of students riding in a dangerous or irresponsible manner we will remove permission for them to bring their bike to the academy.

Yours sincerely,

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