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Dear Parent/Carer

Changes to the Academy's Behaviour Expectations and Lunchtime Arrangements

As we enter into the Summer term we are introducing changes to our behaviour expectations and lunchtime arrangements. This provides an opportunity to evaluate the effectiveness of the changes and amend as necessary ready for the new academic year in September.

Behaviour expectations

As a school we are going to focus on three simple expectations that we have for all pupils; to be **ready, respectful** and **safe**. To unpack this further:

- To be ready for school and for learning (to be punctual to school and to lessons and have a positive attitude to learning)
- To be respectful to others (showing a kind, compassionate and caring attitude to all)
- To act in a safe way in lessons and around the school.

Our aim is for everyone to reach their full potential and to 'soar to the heights together'. However, for this to become a reality all pupils need to follow the simple behaviour expectations outlined above. Over this term we want to focus unapologetically on positively recognising pupil behaviour and achievement. Part of this will be achieved through increasing our communication with yourselves so you find out about the fantastic behaviour and achievement relating to your child.

Lunchtime arrangements

A recent survey of pupil voice raised some concerns about lunch times and in light of these concerns a review of the protocols of lunchtime has been conducted. There will be two main changes in relation to lunchtime:

1. Pupils will now be accessing the Bistro for their lunch in "sittings". This is to enable the flow of pupils through the Bistro to be more carefully managed and to allow pupils the time to sit and enjoy their lunch with their peers. Years 10 and 11 will continue to access the Bistro as soon as the lunchtime starts from 12.15pm. Years 7, 8 and 9 will have time outside before they then access the Bistro on a rota system. Pupils who currently have early access to lunch will not be affected by this change. Pupils will be encouraged to leave the Bistro when they have finished their lunch to allow for seating to be available for the next sitting.

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2. Pupils will be out of the main school building and outside on the yard at lunch times. The yard will be split into Key Stage areas. Clubs and activities in school will still be running, including the LRC and Room 25 – and will be managed through a pass system. Pupils will still be able to access the school building to use the toilets.

During inclement weather the school building will be open to pupils and they will not be expected to remain outside. However, it is advised that pupils should bring a jacket or coat should we experience any colder days.

Please do not hesitate to contact school and speak with myself, Mr Exley (Assistant Headteacher, Pastoral) or your child's Head of Year should you wish to discuss this further.

Yours faithfully



Mr R Goodman
Deputy Headteacher



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