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Northern Lights Learning Trust



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Standards

Dear Parent / Carer,

As the first half term draws to a close, please accept this letter as a reminder regarding the expectations around uniform and standards as outlined in the letters previously sent to you.

School uniform - If you are at all unsure about the uniform expectations, please refer to our school website. We have found that the main item of uniform causing issues in the last two weeks is suitable shoes. Only plain black, polishable shoes are considered acceptable footwear. We appreciate that some retailers market soft, trainer type shoes as 'school shoes' but these do not meet our uniform expectations. Please remember that you can talk to us in confidence if you require additional support to organize acceptable uniform. Trainers are **not allowed** in place of school shoes, even if they are all black.

Leggings, black skirts, jeans and track suit bottoms are not accepted attire for school and pupils wearing them will be sanctioned according to school policy. Polo shirts are not accepted in place of a school shirt.

Jewellery - Our uniform policy clearly outlines that jewellery is not permitted in the academy. This includes earrings and other piercings. Until Friday 20th October, we will allow pupils with healing piercings to wear clear plastic studs to keep the piercing open. From **Monday 30th October**, no pupils will be allowed to wear any type of jewellery, clear or not. **This includes earrings and nose studs.** Any jewellery worn to the academy will be confiscated for the day. Jewellery will be placed in an envelope with pupils' name and tutor group on the front, and will be handed to Heads of Year for safe keeping. You will be informed via ClassCharts. Pupils can collect the jewellery from Heads of Year at the end of the day.

False eyelashes - Pupils found to be wearing false eyelashes will be asked to remove them. If they can be removed then they will be confiscated and placed in an envelope with pupils' name and tutor group on the front, and will be handed to Heads of Year for safe keeping. You will be informed via ClassCharts. Pupils can collect the eyelashes from Heads of Year at the end of the day. If the eyelashes can not be removed, the pupil will be isolated until the eyelashes are removed.

False nails - Pupils found to be wearing false nails, or nail varnish, will be asked to remove them. You will be informed via ClassCharts. Pupils will be isolated until the nails/nail varnish is removed.



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If you make an appointment for your child to have false nails, nail varnish, or false eyelashes applied over the half term holiday, please also make an appointment (if necessary) to have them removed before school recommences on the **30th October**.

Toilets - The school toilets will be open at the following times:

8.30-8.40am

Break time

Lesson 3 / Lunch time

13.10-13.50

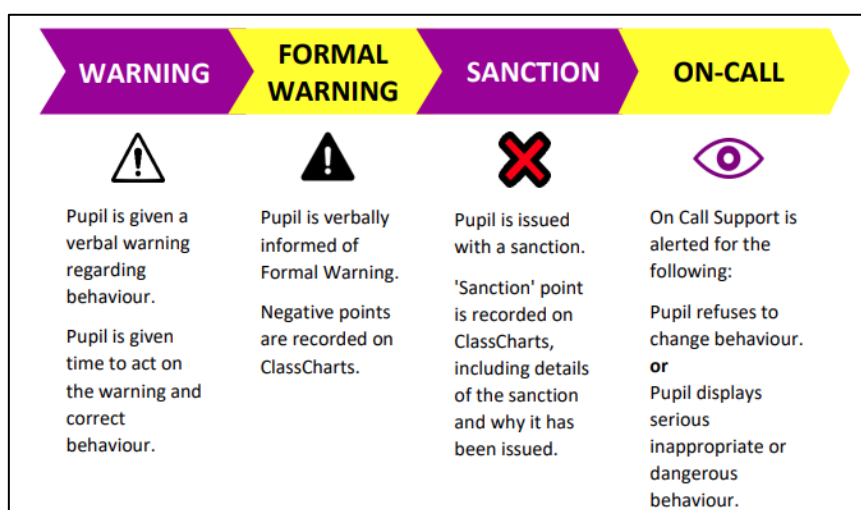
14.10-14.50

After school

This allows for cleaning and checks of the toilets throughout the day. Pupils should only rarely need to use the toilet during lesson time. If a pupil does need to use the toilet during lessons, they will be allowed out of lessons at an appropriate time. As toilet facilities are limited, only one pupil will be allowed out of class at a time. After half term we will be carefully monitoring the number of times an individual pupil accesses the toilet during lesson times.

Classroom expectations - Clear and simple classroom routines coupled with quality first teaching is often enough to enable the majority of pupils to thrive in their education. For some pupils, meeting our high expectations can be challenging. In these cases, teachers will employ the four stage 'Classroom Management Ladder':

The application of the Classroom Management System will be consistently applied across the academy and pupils will be informed of what stage on the ladder they are on.



Reset and Inclusion - If OnCall is requested to a lesson, a variety of strategies may be employed to support the pupil to stay in the lesson. On Call does not automatically mean that a pupil will be placed in Reset. If a pupil is placed in Reset, then they will be escorted by a member of staff. At the end of the lesson, the pupil will return to timetabled lessons. If a pupil is taken to Reset twice in a day, they will spend the rest of the day in Inclusion.

A pupil may be placed in Inclusion for a variety of reasons. If a pupil is placed in Inclusion, parents or carers will be contacted and the reason will be explained.



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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school. We wish you all a restful and safe half term and look forward to welcoming our pupils back to the academy on **Monday 30th October**.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



Mr. Exley

Deputy Headteacher



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