



Rawmarsh Community School



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Re: Expectations of Students at Rawmarsh Community School

Dear Parent

Rawmarsh Community School is a good school. Good schools are **always** looking to improve and at this time, we feel it is crucial to reinforce the expectations we have for all our students.

Effort, behaviour and **attendance** are all fundamental aspects of the learning process and their importance cannot be underestimated.

Assemblies have been delivered to reinforce our high expectations. The assemblies focused on the significance of student attitude, our expectations of all students, and the consistent approach we will apply for those falling short. The key themes discussed centred around:

1. Effort
2. Expectations regarding behaviour
3. Mobile phones
4. Attendance

Mobile Phones

Mobile phones will continue to be used as an integral part of the learning process. They may only be used in lessons as directed by teaching staff.

I have witnessed a significant increase in the use of mobile phones on corridors, in the cafeteria, on the yard and during lessons (when not permitted). A trend that needs to stop with immediacy.

It has been made clear to all students that mobile phones are only permitted to be used in either their lesson when directed by teaching staff or their tutor room (or tutor room of their friends) during break times.

Any student seen on their phone on corridors, in the cafeteria, on the yard or during lessons without permission will have their phone confiscated immediately.

Student Behaviour

We are all members of the school community and it is expected that everyone acts with consideration and courtesy for others at all times. All students are responsible for their own behaviour in and out of the classroom.

They should, in each lesson, take personal accountability of how they act and follow the necessary sanctions placed on them by staff. The expectations that have been reinforced to **all** students can be seen overleaf.

Student Classroom Conduct

- Attendance is crucial to academic achievement and you are expected to attend school every day.
- Punctuality is a direct example of a student who is on message and you are expected to arrive to school and all lessons on time.
- Uniform is important in ensuring a calm and business-like atmosphere in school and you are expected to attend school in full uniform without exception.
- Equipment ensures all students are ready to learn. You are expected to arrive to lessons with the correct equipment - this is inclusive of PE kit, books and as a minimum a pen, pencil and ruler.



- All students are expected to line up calmly ready to enter lessons. This is to ensure a meaningful start to each lesson.
- You must remove all outer clothing on entering the classroom and get out your equipment.
- All classroom teachers' instructions must be adhered to at the first time of asking.
- All requests from members of staff should be carried out without argument.
- No student should be disrespectful to, or show rudeness towards, anyone in school.
- Mobile phones have a crucial role to play in the learning process. However, during lessons mobile devices must be turned off and in your bag. They may only be taken out when instructed to by a member of staff.
- Earphones or charging devices in lesson or anywhere on school site are not permitted. If seen they will be confiscated immediately and without exception.

Student Breaktime Conduct

- During lesson changeover, mobile phones are not permitted to be seen. If seen they will be confiscated by a member of staff without exception.
- During break times, mobile phones may be used in your tutor room only. If seen on corridors, cafeteria or on the yard they will be confiscated by a member of staff without exception.
- Earphones are not permitted during break time or during lesson changeover. If seen they will be confiscated by a member of staff immediately.
- Do as asked first time by any member of staff.
- Act appropriately on corridors during lesson changeovers and break times.

The most important aspect when approaching behaviour within a school is consistency. We are committed to ensuring that all students have the best educational experience possible from both an academic and experiential focus. By reinforcing our high expectations, we are ensuring every individual is given the best opportunity to leave school able, qualified and ready for the ever changing world in which we live.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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