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Dear Parent/Carer

We have had a lovely start back to the term with students spending time in assemblies and lessons focussing on the importance of being Ready to Learn, our Hurworth 4R Core Values and how every student has the opportunity to make a new first impression as it is the start of a new year.

With regards to making a positive first impression, our new Year 7 students have made a fantastic ~~first impression~~ start and have impressed staff with their positive attitudes in lessons as well as being polite and respectful to staff and each other; keep it up Year 7, you've made a great start!

As shared in our assemblies, students are expected to demonstrate our Hurworth 4R Core Values one hundred percent of the time and by doing so they lay the foundations for them to achieve both academically and socially. We recognise this may be a challenge for some and we will support every student to successfully uphold our 4R Core Values.

We will continue to reward students via our ClassCharts system when these expectations are demonstrated as we further embed these core values throughout the school. Further details regarding rewards is detailed at the end of this letter. If our expectations are not met, sanctions such as loss of unstructured time, after-school, internal and external suspensions may be put into place.

If after-school detentions are given, these will last for an hour after school and will be scheduled on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evening. Parents/carers will be made aware in advance and will need to make arrangements to ensure their child can get home safely after the detention. This extra time in detention will be used good effect for any catch-up work if needed, as well as a chance to reflect on conduct, discuss and reinforce school expectations and ensure students understand exactly what is expected moving forward.

Uniform

Uniform is an essential part of school life and we have very clear expectations of the standards which we expect our students to uphold in this area.

- Plain black trousers. Leggings, ski pants, skin-tight trousers, shorts or ¾ trousers are not permitted, under any circumstances.
- Watches are permitted (except during any examinations). One pair of stud earrings worn in the lobe of the ear is acceptable however other earrings and jewellery, including rings of any type are not permitted. If pupils are wearing jewellery other than a watch/stud earrings then this will be confiscated and stored securely in the school office. This will be given to students at the end of the school day. If inappropriate jewellery persists, parents/carers will be asked to come into school to collect the jewellery.
- Nails, must be clear and of reasonable length. Coloured nails are **not permitted. Students will be asked to remove nail varnish and false nails in school.**

- Makeup, must be natural. Excessive make up is not acceptable. Fake eyelashes/lash extensions are **not permitted**. **Students will be asked to remove these**. No 'extreme' hair colours or styles e.g. lines and/or patterns are acceptable.
- Coats should be an appropriate outdoor coat. Sweatshirts, hooded tops, cardigans, tracksuit tops and denim jackets are **not permitted**. Unacceptable tops and jackets will be confiscated and placed in the school office for safe keeping and returned to students at the end of the school day. For repeat offenders, parents/carers will be asked to come into school to collect the item of clothing.

Any breaches of the uniform expectations may be sanctioned. If a student or parent/carer is in any doubt about a hairstyle, or the purchase of an item of clothing, they should speak with their Head of Year before going ahead. Students will be asked to rectify any hairstyle, or replace any item of clothing, at their expense, that is perceived to be unsuitable for school. Students are strongly advised to label all items of clothing with their full name and year group.

For further information, please visit: <https://hurworth.swiftacademies.org.uk/students/uniform/>

Rewards

We continue to celebrate the academic achievements of our students whilst encouraging good citizenship within our school community. We are about to relaunch our rewards system and will be seeking views from the students in the coming weeks.

Currently, all green clicks accumulated go towards 'credits' for the ClassCharts shop. Please remind students to check their ClassCharts wheel regularly at home. You can also log into ClassCharts as a parent/carer to monitor your child's conduct. If you have not yet received your ClassCharts log in, please contact the school and this can be sent out to you.

In our drive to ensure the highest possible outcomes for our young people, and in line with our core values, we work exceptionally hard to develop students that demonstrate respect, commitment and achievement in all aspects of their life. We are very grateful for your continued support with this, ensuring that our high expectations are met.

Medication/Water

If your child requires any medication, including Paracetamol, during the School day, Parents/carers must bring in the medication and complete a form held in School consenting for Office staff to administer any medication prescribed.

Please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school which can be filled up in School, during breaks and lunch times.

Timings of the school day

We have recently reviewed our timings during the school day and have amended when break will take place and removed afternoon registration. This does not affect the beginning or the end of the school day. Students were all informed of the changes during assembly last week. They will come into effect this week.

As always, if you have any queries in regards to any of the information shared in this letter, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely



Kelly Davidson
Assistant Head