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Dear Parent/Carer

As we return from the half term break, please can we remind you of our behaviour and uniform expectations of students attending Hurworth.

Students are still expected to wear the winter uniform this half term. Please see below a reminder of what this consists of:

- Trousers must be plain black, standard fit. All students should be in trousers as skirts are not permitted uniform.
- Plain white shirt
- School tie, this must cover the top shirt button.
- V-necked sweater with school logo
- Coats should be an appropriate outdoor coat – no sweatshirts, hooded tops, cardigans, tracksuit tops or coats made of denim.
- Black shoes with heels no higher than 4cm. Trainers and plimsoll shoes are not acceptable, and neither are leisure boots such as Rockport, Doc Martins and Ugg boots. Plain black low-heeled boots (Chelsea boot style) may be worn. **Shoes must be plain black and not have stripes or logos of any kind visible. Shoes cannot have coloured or metal buckles or decoration on them.**
- **Jewellery – only one small stud per ear lobe and in no other part of the ear, and one watch. No other jewellery or body piercing is permitted.**
- **No coloured or fake nails are permitted. Nails should be of a reasonable length.**
- Make up must be kept to a bare minimum and must be natural looking.
- **False eyelashes are not permitted.**
- Hair styles /eyebrows must not have any lines, patterns or symbols showing and extreme hair dyes (hair must be of a natural colour/multi coloured hair is not acceptable for any student)
- A school bag large enough to carry an A4 file must be carried every day.

Our main focus remains on the choices students make throughout the day when they are in lessons as well as when they are around the school. We expect all of our students to make the right choices and to ensure that they demonstrate our Hurworth 4R Core Values all of the time. When they make the wrong choices, they are potentially impacting on the learning of others and the environment that they are in. We therefore take this very seriously and students will be expected to attend detentions in school or afterschool if they continue to make the wrong choices.

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A reminder that after-school detentions will be issued to any student found to be repeatedly failing to meet our expectations around the corridor or if they are late to lessons more than once in a week. We want to ensure that lessons are not being interrupted by students choosing to be late. **It is the parents' responsibility to ensure that students are collected at the end of the detention.** You will be informed via Parentmail / Classcharts at least 24 hours before the detention will take place.

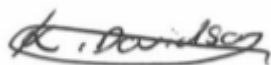
During last half term we have continued to reward students for their demonstration of our 4R Core Values as well as the excellent work they have produced. We have introduced a weekly reward which has involved each department selecting a "Student of the Week" for each year group. These students' efforts have been celebrated in weekly reward assemblies. In addition, departments have been awarding departmental postcards for outstanding work, which students have been able to bring home to share with you. Many of these achievements have also been shared on the school Instagram account, Hurworth School (@hurworthschool) and Instagram photos and videos (@hurworthschool). We also have a Facebook page Hurworth School | Darlington | Facebook.

We are hoping over the coming months that you will see more of the amazing work that your children are producing and the opportunities that they have both in and out of the classroom through these platforms. Please follow us to be kept up to date with all of these things.

We want every child who attends Hurworth to be treated with respect and to demonstrate our 4R Core Values. Students demonstrating these values are awarded a '4R's Slip' which is collected by their Form Tutor. At the end of this half term all form tutors held a reward drawer for their tutor group. Before we break up for Easter students will be entered into the Wheel of Wonder prize draw. This will give students the opportunity to win a range of prizes including vouchers and confectionary.

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.

Yours sincerely



Kelly Davidson
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