

6th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Mobile Phones, equipment and Uniform update

As we start the final term of the academic year, we are very aware that Lock down has had a significant impact on our students; how they manage social situations and how they use and have been communicating using mobile phones and other devices. There has been a significant increase in the number of incidents of our students sending and sharing amongst their groups inappropriate, personal and sexual messages and images. Please, check your child's phone regularly and keep discussing with your son / daughter how to keep themselves safe online. Also be aware that if you purchased / are the account holder for the phone you are responsible for and can be liable for what is on the phone and how it is used.

For further help and advice go the NSPCC website (link below). The site has very easy and clear information and advice. It can help you understand the dangers better and how to talk to your child as well as providing practical methods of managing safety settings.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

In school we will continue to apply the Conisborough College Code of Conduct which encompasses all aspects of safety and being ready for learning.

On Site out of Site – the rule about mobile phones and earphones not being used/ visible at school.

From this week when a phone or earphones are confiscated you, as a **parent, will receive a text** informing you that this has taken place. Your child will, as has been the case before, be able to collect the mobile phone from Student services at the end of the school day. If, however, your child has their phone **confiscated** more than **twice in a week**, they will no longer be able to collect the phone, **you will need to come to school in person to collect the mobile phone for them.**

Uniform - Full complete uniform without additions or variations, including PE day uniform.

Please remember that any additional items to the school uniform (scarves, hoodies, hats, sports/ track suit tops etc) are not permitted to be worn on site and will be confiscated. It is beginning, finally, to get warmer and students do not have to wear their school jumpers under their blazers. Blazers however do need to be always worn unless the teacher, in a lesson, lets them remove them during learning.

All students on PE days must wear full school PE kit. The **maroon uniform polo shirt, maroon sweatshirt**, and **plain black** jogging bottoms. Leggings and shorts maybe worn under the jogging bottoms to get to school – students **must not travel to school in leggings or shorts.**

Safety

As a reminder from the letter sent a few weeks ago, below is a list of all the things which are banned from site. The list is diverse and is to protect all our students and staff including those with

respiratory conditions. Please **provide your child with roll on or stick deodorants/ anti perspirants** to bring to school if they want or need to have something, particularly in the warmer weather.

Prohibited list – guide

- Atomisers - spray deodorants, spray perfume/ body sprays
- Energy drinks or fizzy drinks
- 1 litre cartons of juice drinks
- Glass bottles (containing anything)
- Any Sharp objects – metal pronged/ handled combs, knives, scissors
- Lighters, matches etc
- Laser pens

It is not an exhaustive list, **please regularly check your child's bag and blazer pockets**, apply common sense.

If any of these items are seen, they will be removed from your child. Please discuss this with your son/daughter and ensure that these things do not come onto site at all.

We are constantly setting out to review how we inform and educate our students and how to keep them safe both on and off site. If you have any ideas or thoughts regarding how we might further develop this, please let us know through your son/daughter's Head of year.

Yours faithfully

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