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Dear Parents and Carers

As we enter the final weeks of this extraordinary school year, we would like to thank you for your support during these unusual times. In particular, thank you for encouraging your children to engage in their online learning during the winter lockdown – student engagement was noted in our successful monitoring OFSTED visit in January which reported we are ‘taking strong action to ensure that pupils continue to receive a broad education in the current circumstances’.

We are determined that the challenges of the last eighteen months will not prevent us from improving Conisborough College into being a truly excellent school where all children achieve to the best of their abilities. We would like to ask for your support in the following ways in these last few weeks.

### **Uniform**

A feature of outstanding schools is high expectations in all areas, including uniform. We believe your child deserves to go to a school with the highest expectations. Please remind your children of the following:

- Students should arrive in full school uniform every day, including their **blazer, correct school tie** and **grey school trousers** (not black). If it is exceptionally hot, we will permit students to take their blazers and ties off in lessons so they can better focus on their learning, but we expect students to arrive with all of these items every day.
- Hoodies and non-uniform tracksuit/ sports tops are not permitted and will be confiscated on sight.
- On days when they have PE, students should wear Conisborough PE uniform which consists of **black jogging bottoms**, black shorts and **maroon polo shirt** and, if it's cold, a **maroon school sweatshirt**. Jogging bottoms **MUST** be worn over shorts in classrooms.
- Black school shoes must be worn with full uniform, and trainers on PE uniform days.
- Lanyards are a non-negotiable part of school uniform and **MUST** be worn at all times for safeguarding reasons.

### **School Photographs**

We will be taking new school photographs on **5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of July**. It is imperative that students are all in correct uniform.

### **Behaviour**

We have significantly raised our expectations of student behaviour over the last two years. This is because we believe every child has the right to disruption free learning so they can enjoy their education and gain the knowledge, skills and qualifications they need to have happy and successful lives. This was recognised in the January OFSTED report which commented ‘staff and pupils said that behaviour is much better’.

*Your school, Your time, Your future*

Please reiterate to your child the need to follow the Conisborough Code of Conduct at all times so we can all live and work together successfully in a safe and happy environment. There is no time for any summer 'wind-down': we intend to make sure students are learning and working hard, right up until the end of term.

**Mobile phones** and ear phones etc, in line with the Conisborough Code of Conduct, must be switched off and **out of sight** in a bag. They will be confiscated if they are seen. Please monitor your child's mobile phone usage to ensure it is appropriate and not harmful. Check content, searches, apps, age restrictions and set parental restrictions where possible.

There has been much in the news recently about sexual harassment among young people. We remind all students of the need to maintain personal boundaries and not to make physical contact, be careful of what they send and say on social media and ensure that the language they use between each other is appropriate and not sexual in nature. Every person has the right to go about their business feeling safe and unthreatened in any way. If any student is made to feel uncomfortable by uninvited attention or invasion of personal privacy in anyway, they must please, let a member of staff know.

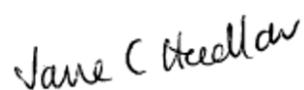
Due to Covid restrictions remaining in place longer than planned, **ball games are still not permitted** to be played at lunch or break. Unfortunately, this is not what we would want but all students need to play their part in accepting this in the best interests of the health and safety of our community.

### **Attendance**

We are pleased to report that student attendance has increased since all students returned on site in March. This positive impact has been recognised by the Local Authority. Attendance of 96% or above is vital in ensuring students achieve their potential. Please support us by only allowing your children to take time off if it is completely unavoidable.

If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please contact their Head of Year in the first instance and we will endeavour to address your concerns and support your child in any way we can.

Best wishes to you and your families



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**Headteacher**