

4th April 2019

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your continued support in working with all of us at Heron Hall for the last term. I hope that you and your family have a relaxing and restful holiday over the Easter break.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of the school expectations in order to ensure that your child is adhering to school rules.

Uniform

Pupils are expected to be in full school uniform on the first day back, including black shoes. Any student who is wearing trainers or non-school shoes will be sent home in order to change them. Only letters from a doctor will be accepted as an allowance for wearing trainers. It is also important to ensure that students wear their uniform in the appropriate manner. For example, the length of a skirt should be below the knee.

Mobile phones

Mobile phones are not allowed in school. The school is being asked to deal with several issues that are happening outside of school time with regards to the misuse of social media. I would like to make clear that the school cannot take responsibility for any issues that may arise with social media.

If a student is caught with a mobile phone in school, the mobile phone will be confiscated immediately. The phone will be kept for a minimum of 24 hours. The parent/carer will then need to come in and meet with a member of the senior management team between 4pm and 5pm in order to have the phone returned. The school does not take responsibility for the loss, damage or theft of any mobile phones as they are not permitted in school.

Pupil behaviour in the local community

The school has received complaints from the public with regards to some students displaying anti-social behaviour. These complaints are coming from shops such as Tesco and also from residents in the local community. Whilst we recognise that it is a minority of students that are displaying this poor behaviour, it is indeed affecting the reputation of the school and all those that attend Heron Hall. Any student caught bringing the school in to disrepute will be sanctioned in an appropriate manner.



Healthy eating

It has been noticed by staff members that several students are shopping in Tesco to buy junk food. We have seen an increase in students bringing unhealthy food and beverages into school. These range from energy drinks to sweets, chocolate and cakes and such like. When students eat sugar in high quantities, it has a detrimental effect on their learning and behaviour. Please be reminded that students who do not wish to eat in the school canteen should be provided with a healthy pack lunch and snacks.

More information regarding healthy eating can be found at:

<https://new.enfield.gov.uk/healthandwellbeing/a-whole-school-approach-to-healthy-eating/>

I would like to thank you in advance for your support with the above and look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with you in the future.

Yours sincerely

Arthur Barzey
Headteacher

