



# Ashton Community Science College

*'a school to be proud of'*

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Dear Parents and Carers

This letter is to inform you about some changes to our behaviour policy that will take effect from Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. To allow time for you to share your thoughts with the school, should you wish so to do, my Deputy Head, Mr Clarke, who leads on behaviour in the school, will be happy to discuss the plans with you and will be available as follows:

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July: 15.30 – 16:30**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July: 15.30 – 16:30**

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September: 15.30 – 16:30**

He will meet parents individually so there may be a wait. Thank you in anticipation for your patience if this is the case.

The Staff at Ashton Community Science College work hard to make the most of the school day and maximise each learning opportunity for the benefit of every student. As you may be aware, the Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson, is concerned with the current state of behaviour within schools since returning from the pandemic. In his most recent press release he stated "in order for us to help pupils overcome the challenges from the pandemic and level up opportunity for all young people, we need to ensure they can benefit from calm classrooms which support them to thrive".

At Ashton, we are keen to embed a calm culture that allows every child to learn. Similar to other schools across the country, we are developing a system of managing behaviour and applying consequences to help us rapidly deal with and thus eliminate, low-level disruptive behaviour.

The classrooms rules, which we have had for some time, will remain the same and clearly outline our expectations for behaviour. The core business of the classroom is teaching and learning. Teachers must be allowed to teach and students must be allowed to learn, free from unnecessary disruption. That remains unchanged. However, the consequences for not following the rules are changing. We have devised a clear description of the sort of behaviour which is unacceptable and which will result in a consequence. A link to our new policy can be found here: [https://files.schudio.com/ashtoncommunitysciencecollege/files/documents/Behaviour\\_Policy\\_2021-2022.pdf](https://files.schudio.com/ashtoncommunitysciencecollege/files/documents/Behaviour_Policy_2021-2022.pdf)

The main difference is that rather than **each child** having the opportunity to receive three warnings inside a classroom, **each class** will now receive 3 warnings. The third warning will result in a Consequence 3 (C3) for the child whose behaviour triggered the third warning. A C3 will now result in a one-hour detention after school on the same day for 60 minutes. A C4 will trigger the student



being removed from the classroom and any further lessons alongside being issued a one-hour detention.

We will send you a text message to let you know if your child has been issued with a detention, and it is therefore essential that we have up-to-date contact information. If your contact details have changed since you last confirmed them with school, please email our data manager [eloughran@ashtoncsc.com](mailto:eloughran@ashtoncsc.com) to update them.

I am confident that the new system, which is based on well documented research from the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) will quickly create the calm and purposeful working atmosphere all our children need and deserve in order to learn effectively. We will take the opportunity to speak to the students in detail about this changing system when they return in September, and as always appreciate your support as we embed these changes.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S. Asquith". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Miss S Asquith  
Headteacher