



Congleton High School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable weekend and enjoyed the early signs that Spring is round the corner!

We are now moving back to our normal routines in school and will be talking to students this week about our standards and expectations. The first will be around the need to be punctual, both to school and to lessons. Staff will be following our RBFL policy when students are late to lessons and persistent and unexplained 'lates' will be dealt with accordingly. When a student is late to school or lessons, it has a significant impact on their learning and also that of other students in that form group or class. We would kindly ask parents/carers to make contact with Reception on the day to explain the reason why your child is late. We will keep in regular contact with you regarding your child's punctuality. In order to improve punctuality to lessons, the school toilets will be closed 5 minutes before the end of each break and lunch time. Toilets will be made available for students with medical passes or unexpected situations.

Attendance

The Government have asked all schools to improve attendance of students to school. We appreciate that some students do have very genuine reasons for their absence and we ask for your support in ensuring that your child's attendance meets the standards expected at CHS. Our target is 98% for each student (excluding COVID absences). All students have suffered disruption to their learning and progression, full attendance is the best way you can support your child to overcome any loss of learning, confidence and aspiration.

Uniform

We appreciate your ongoing support with uniform and presentation. Rings, nose studs, black trainers and false eye lashes seem to be the current trend for a minority of our students and we would appreciate your help in ensuring your child is appropriately dressed for school each morning before they leave the house. This will maximise learning time and minimise conflict with staff when they arrive at school. From Monday 14th March, students will not be allowed to wear coats or hoodies in the building.

In our previous communication we mentioned our concerns around Vapes being brought into school. There has been some improvement and I would like to thank you for your support.

Parent Survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete the questionnaire shared with you last half term. We always strive to listen to our parents and carers; your feedback is invaluable in helping us move forward, with our students' best interests in mind. The survey shows that the vast majority of you are happy with the progress we are making and it is pleasing to hear that your children feel safe and happy. From the survey, a specific area for improvement is the communication regarding what your child will learn during the year. We will be looking at this over the next few weeks and hope that the launch of our new website will help with this.

CCTV

Our new CCTV system is up and running, with 64 new cameras placed around school. Students have told us this is making them feel even safer in school and is helping us to follow up on incidents that may occur. Our recent safeguarding inspection highlighted this as a strength and all students questioned by the inspectors stated that they felt safe in school.

I have attached a number of flyers from Visyon. Some of these contain links to parent webinars where you can gain information about supporting your child's wellbeing and mental health. Visyon are also running parent workshops on supporting transition to secondary school and a variety of other groups and webinars for children to attend themselves. We appreciate that COVID has exacerbated mental health struggles for many students and families. Please do contact school if you or your child needs any additional support.

Finally, I am delighted to be able to tell you that once again the school is oversubscribed for our new Year 7 cohort in 2022-23. We can't wait to begin the induction process and will be sending our welcome messages to our new students in the coming weeks.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely,



Mr J Barlow
Headteacher