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Dear families,

I hope that you are well. At Longdendale High School we recognise that the partnership between home and school is key in helping your child achieve their full potential. As a school, we are constantly striving to improve the education and wellbeing of all our learners. Longdendale High School will be introducing a new behaviour policy on Tuesday 20 April 2021 which will reflect our drive to improve standards, and ultimately improve learner progress at GCSE.

The school is taking this action in order to ensure that the school environment in respect of behaviour and attitudes of the learners is of the highest standards. The majority of the children who attend Longdendale are already respectful, happy and safe learners. This new policy will reward these learners. The school will not tolerate behaviour which in any way detracts from the safe and effective running of the school.

Longdendale High School values the opinions of all our stakeholders, and therefore we have taken into account the views of parents and carers, learners and the school staff in the production of the behaviour policy. The new policy is available on the school's website for you to view. Please click [here](#) to access.

The key changes in the school's approach are:

- increased emphasis on rewards and a new 'rewards shop' where learners can spend their achievement points
- the introduction of a clear consequence system which uses C1 through to C4 with increasing levels of sanction for poor behaviour
- more supportive interventions to help learners recognise and correct their behaviour when they get things wrong
- improvements to the building to create an area for interventions to take place
- a larger team of professionals to provide interventions and pastoral support to learners
- a greater emphasis on targeted mentoring
- further professional development for school staff.

As part of our continuing focus on standards may I also request your support in ensuring that your child attends school in the full, correct school uniform. The uniform policy is available on the school's website. We have had some instances of black trainers (particularly Nike Air Force 1) being worn in school; these do not meet the standards expected. We are continuing to allow learners to attend school in their PE kit (with blazer) on the days when they have core PE only. General sportswear is not acceptable, please refer to the school uniform guidance for details of the correct PE clothing. Thank you for helping us to keep your child in lessons by sending them into school in the correct uniform.

This action is a critical step on our path of school improvement and I thank you for your ongoing support. Please do not hesitate to contact the school to discuss these improvements or any other questions you have about the school.

May I take this opportunity to wish you a restful Easter time and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 20 April 2021.

Yours faithfully

Chris Major
Deputy Headteacher