

10<sup>th</sup> June 2020

## Dear Parents and Carers.

As we move closer to the phased reopening of the academy, I would like to take this opportunity to write in order to inform you of the necessary amendments that we have made to the student behaviour policy.

## Ensuring Student Safety

As a staff, we are working incredibly hard to ensure that our building is as safe as it can be. In doing so, we will be leading regular staff and student briefings, presenting the latest advice and guidance around the coronavirus pandemic and checking that our students are safe and well.

**Behaviour Policy Adaptations.** *Please note; all aspects of positive reward and acknowledgement remain in place.*

1. The academy will act quickly to protect students and staff from harm. If a student is deemed to be putting others at risk due to their behaviour, they will be excluded. This means that they will at least work in isolation, away from other students with a member of the executive team but would in most instances be sent home. Parent/carers will be contacted. This could include failure to follow social distancing guidelines or failure to follow hygiene advice.
2. Learning Journals will not be collected by staff members at any point. For this reason, the academy does not expect students to bring their journal to school until further notice. Students should however, keep their journal safe at home in case they are needed at later date.
3. A no touching policy will be introduced for all students. This is to promote social distancing at all times.
4. The previous one way system will no longer be enforced. Students will be directed on dedicated routes to travel by supervising staff members.
5. After school detentions will not be issued. All detentions will be served during social times (break/lunch).
6. Matrix rooms will not be used. If needed, students will be removed from lesson by a member of the executive team.
7. Incorrect uniform will not carry a sanction. Students should however do what they can to wear full Samworth academy uniform.
8. We have temporarily removed weekly detentions for negative points balances.

## Supporting Students to Get It Right

The Reset Room - In order to control the movement students around the building. The reset room will remain closed until further notice. There will be additional staff in the building each day to ensure student needing additional support can be catered for.

The PLC – The PLC may move rooms to ensure social distancing and good ventilation can be followed. It will continue to provide tailored support to students as needed.

Heatherdene - Heatherdene will remain closed until further notice. Students attending Heatherdene in Year 10, will be invited onto the main site to work with Heatherdene tutors. Other year groups will follow in line with government guidelines.

### **Mobile Phones**

Mobile phones will be confiscated if seen or heard. Phone confiscation will be led by the executive team. Parents/carers will not collect the phone if a first offence. Phones will be issued back to the student at the end of the day. Parents will be called and notified that the phone has been confiscated. If a phone is confiscated for a second time, parents must make a pre-arranged appointment to collect the device. Parents should not come into the academy without an appointment.

Further information regarding the student behaviour policy addendum can be found in the policies section on the academy website. Any further amendments will be communicated as required.

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