

Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you to ask for your support to keep improving standards at Kingsway School. Our aim is for all students to maximise their potential and be ready to learn.

In the survey sent home by our Trust last October, some pupils told us that they worry about behaviour especially on the corridor which isn't as good as when they are in the classroom. They commented that if some children are wearing coats/hoods inside school and not going straight to lessons this can make them feel unsafe. As such, there are some measures we are taking to look after their wellbeing and help them feel comfortable around school.

1. BE READY TO LEARN

Our uniform should be worn with pride. Children must wear full school uniform and be fully equipped.

- Children will take their coats and hoods off and carry them inside school. It is very important that we can swiftly identify any people who are not part of our school or if they are behaving in a way that might intimidate others. We can remind our children to wear coats when they are outdoors at break but they will take them off once they are back indoors.
- You are familiar with the uniform which is shown on our website and children will need:
 - a school bag (ideally a backpack) large enough to hold books and equipment;
 - their school planner;
 - a clear/transparent pencil case that contains a pen, pencil and ruler (we can provide this if families are unable to).

From Monday 28 February 2023, children will be met by our senior leaders at the school gate to ensure they have everything they need as they enter school. With your help, we can minimise time spent in the classroom engaged in conversations about being ready which inevitably will detract from learning. On arrival, if some children are not positively engaging they will go to our 'Ready to Learn' room and will be given the correct equipment/uniform or required to stay in there until they are prepared to go straight to class. This means that your child, in the classroom, will have a calm, focussed start to lessons.

2. ON TIME FOR SCHOOL

- Children should be in the building for 8:30 am.
- For those children who are late to school, they will receive a 20-minute 'Same Day Reflection' at the end of the day.

Please share this letter with your child to remind them of the expectations at Kingsway. Positive relationships and consistent management of rule breaking is what we aim for so that our children can have focussed, dedicated learning time in the classroom and also feel safe when they are moving around school. We realise that these rules may sound different and possibly seem unfair for your own child but, with your support, it will continue to develop a culture where unkind behaviour or time wasting is not part of school life.

During the next half term, we will send a questionnaire out to families to find out how we can shape this further and keep you updated with the impact of these measures. Until then, please support us to move in this direction.

Have a lovely half term break.

Regards

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