



# Heworth Grange School

Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions

Dear parents and carers

I am writing today to update you on our continued drive to improve standards at Heworth Grange. We are extremely proud of our focus on high expectations and the majority of our students come to school punctually every day and are polite, considerate and focused on their learning.

Unfortunately, in recent weeks a small cohort of students from all year groups have been truanting lessons or being extremely late to lessons. This has disrupted learning for others as well as causing issues around school corridors and shared learning spaces where mentoring takes place. This kind of behaviour is very disappointing especially when we consider how much learning has been lost over the past twenty months. The students involved have been spoken to separately and Mrs Carter will write to the parents and carers of these students to ensure they are aware

I have also noticed a drop in uniform standards over the past month which is not in line with our 'High Expectations' value. As a school we have been very understanding regarding the difficulties with supply and ordering uniform but there are still students wearing incorrect uniform or forgetting their ties. Please ensure your son or daughter attends school in full uniform (the details regarding uniform can be found on the website by following this link (<https://www.heworthgrange.org/page/?title=Uniform&pid=38>) which includes a white shirt, black trousers, **leggings are not acceptable**, a black skirt, black shoes, not trainers, the school jumper and school tie. If you have any issues regarding uniform please contact your child's head of year. After the Christmas holidays any student not in uniform will have to wear uniform provided by school for that day.

It is also vitally important that students arrive prepared for school with their equipment, pens, pencils, rulers, PE kit etc. in an appropriate school bag. Staff are happy to lend students equipment on the odd occasion students forget but some students consistently come to school unprepared. Again, if you have any issues ensuring your child has the correct equipment, please contact your child's head of year. A small cohort of students also frequently lose their timetable and then use this as an excuse to truant from lessons or be very late. All students must carry their timetable and ensure they are aware of what lessons they have that day. If students forget their timetable they should check with their advisor during morning advisory. In the coming weeks we will be focusing on elements of character education connected with good citizenship which will help us to continue our drive on culture and the importance of community. We will share these topics with you via social media so that you are aware what staff are sharing with students.

As you will be aware, all of the points raised above are linked to essential employability skills and it is vital that students learn good habits and the importance of responsibility whilst at school.

Thank you for your support in advance with these issues and if you require any support with this please do not hesitate to contact school.

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