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Dear Parent/Carer,

I trust this message finds you well and filled with anticipation for the forthcoming year. As we prepare to welcome our students back to Huxlow Academy, I wanted to take a moment to communicate some important matters that will contribute to a successful and productive term.

The start of a new year brings with it a sense of renewal and fresh opportunities. It is our collective responsibility to ensure that our students start this term with a mindset geared towards excellence and growth. At Huxlow, we are committed to fostering an environment conducive to learning, personal development, and mutual respect.

With this in mind, I must emphasise the importance of upholding uniform standards. A smart appearance reflects a sense of pride in oneself and in our school. I kindly urge your cooperation in ensuring that your child adheres to our uniform policy at all times. Our focus will continue to be on wearing the correct Huxlow jumpers, blazers, trousers, and PE kit. I would like to particularly remind students that leggings and non-Huxlow tops/jumpers are not a part of the Huxlow uniform. Actions will be taken when these standards are not met. We will particularly be sanctioning students that are wearing leggings and non-clear piercings as per the uniform policy.

Additionally, the use of vaping devices on school premises is strictly prohibited. We must maintain a safe and healthy environment for all students, and any violation of this policy will be dealt with swiftly and decisively. We are currently reviewing our policy to make sanctions more robust in this aspect and specifics on these changes will be communicated as soon as they are finalised. Our aim is always to ensure our environment is pleasant for everyone in our community to be able to enjoy their time in school each day.

Furthermore, it has come to our attention that there have been some issues concerning the use of toilets during break and lunchtimes. I implore you to discuss with your child the significance of respecting school facilities and using them responsibly. We all share the responsibility of maintaining a clean and hygienic environment. Cubicles are designed for one student to use at any one time and any students identified as entering a cubicle with another student will be appropriately sanctioned.

Punctuality is a fundamental aspect of success. Being on time for school sets a positive tone for the day and allows students to make the most of their learning opportunities. I kindly request your support in ensuring that your child arrives promptly each day. This message also applies to prompt arrival to lessons. The use of toilet facilities should be undertaken during the break and lunchtime period, and not left until the bell rings. To improve punctuality to lessons and ensure a pleasant environment for all, the central toilet facilities will now be closed for 5 minutes after the end of break and lunch bell rings. Please be reassured the facilities will then be reopened for the rare occasions where students need to leave a lesson to use them. Please support us by stressing to your child that they should use the facilities at appropriate times during break and lunch.

Once in the classroom our students are now very clear on the standards, we expect to be demonstrated to ensure a productive learning environment for all and allow both students and staff to focus on the core task of allowing every student to achieve their best. These expectations are displayed in every classroom, but please take a moment to reinforce your own expectations for your child's effort and behaviours whilst at school. Your support of these expectations is greatly appreciated.

In conclusion, as we start 2024 let us work together to empower our students to embrace new beginnings, support ongoing improvements, and uphold the values that define our school community. Your partnership in reinforcing these expectations is pivotal in nurturing a conducive and respectful learning environment.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation in these matters. Should you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Finally, I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome some new members of staff to Team Huxlow. Miss Gonda joins the English team; Mrs Thomas starts in the Maths department and Mr Caldwell joins the Science department. I am also very happy to introduce Mrs Armitage who starts as Office Manager and PA. I wish them and everyone in our community a successful and happy 2024.

Warm regards,



Mr P Letch  
Headteacher