



# RANGE HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As part of Range High's continual strive for educational excellence I would firstly like to thank the vast majority of pupils who come to school being 'Range Ready' in all that they do. It is delightful to see so many of our young people coming to school, arriving on time with the correct uniform and equipment, making the most of the very many educational opportunities afforded to them.

I would like to take the opportunity to explain to you how we intend to support pupils on a journey of us re-establishing our expectations and standards. Making sure that all pupils are 'Ready, Respectful and Safe', runs at the heart of everything we do.

Being ready to learn is one of the core features of our 'Ready, Respectful and Safe' ethos. Pupils arriving late to school and lessons can have a real impact on a pupil's learning. It can also hinder their next steps when they apply for sixth form, a college or an apprenticeship as we are duty bound to not only provide attendance data but also data surrounding a pupil's punctuality. We want pupils to have every opportunity afforded to them and it is to this end that we are trying to support all of our young people to make positive choices throughout their time with us and beyond. When a pupil arrives late to school or to lesson without good reason, a 'lates detention' will be issued by the class teacher. The detention will be served after school, that same day, for 40 minutes. This is part of the graduated approach to sanctions mentioned in our Behaviour Policy. We do appreciate that there will be times when certain situations are outside of a pupil's control; train delays and medical appointments being two such examples. We are equally mindful of pupils who may have genuine difficulty in getting from one end of the school building to the other during lesson changeover and using the bathroom during this time. So we are sympathetic with this and on these occasions a pupil should not routinely receive a 'lates detention'. However, we are equally aware that some pupils do use these opportunities to arrive to school late, or, not attend their lesson on time, pupils refer to this as 'lapping the one-way system' and pupils can and do cite other instances which do not always bear out. We want everyone in lessons, on time, to benefit from the full 60 minutes of learning offered by every classroom teacher.

We do expect pupils not to wear coats inside the building. Given that the weather is turning warmer there will be no need for pupils to wear their blazers and an outdoors coat inside. Blazers should still be worn. If the weather turns hot then we will issue guidance on blazers but as things stand blazers are an expected item of uniform every day. We will also have a real refocus on footwear. As you are all aware our uniform policy states that black shoes should be worn. We appreciate there may be some pupils with medical conditions, but the vast majority of pupils are expected in normal school shoes. We are also aware that as pupils grow their shoes become too small. Please do not be influenced to buy trainers, they are not permitted, your child should have black shoes for school. Further guidance on the school uniform policy can be found at:

<https://www.range.sefton.sch.uk/key-information/uniform/>



When in school, pupils need to ensure they have the correct equipment for all lessons, including full PE kit and complete any work set to the best of their ability. We encourage all pupils and families to check Class Charts daily, this is where we will convey any messages about homework, behaviour or other such announcements. Also, from September you will be able to report pupil absence on the ClassCharts app so please do familiarise yourself with the login process. We, as a school community and you as parents and carers, want the very best for your children, being ready for school and for each and every lesson is a great way to demonstrate they are ready to engage and learn.

We expect pupils' behaviour towards each other and to staff to be respectful. We are increasingly concerned about the amount of incidents that involve inappropriate use of social media, with some pupils accessing 'apps' that are not suitable for their age. This is where we need your support. We would respectfully ask that parents and carers support us and their children by checking what their child is involved in, what they are sharing and with whom they are speaking to on line. This is especially important to not only ensure that they are being fully safeguarded but also to prevent issues and incidents from being brought into school. School is a fantastic place for learning and we want this to remain the main focus of your child's day. You can find more information about the suitability and legal age of apps here <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/is-my-child-ready-for-social-media/> or here <https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/age-restrictions-on-social-media-services>

Whilst mobile phones can be a wonderful learning tool in the correct environment, as a rule, mobile phones and air pods/headphones are not to be seen or heard in school. Your support with reinforcing this important message with your child would be greatly appreciated.

We are aware that the vast majority of our pupils already comply with all of these expectations and for this we are both appreciative and aware hence there being rewards trips at various points throughout the year with the next one being in July. More information about this will be forthcoming.

Should there be any issues with any of these aspects then your child's tutor is available should you need to discuss any areas of concern.

Thank you for your continued support with these important aspects of school life.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Ashworth

Assistant Head Teacher - Behaviour