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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

## Maintaining High Standards

We have been so proud of the majority of students at Park Hall, who meet our high expectations every single day. However, it is important these high standards are maintained, and we strive to improve areas where standards are not being met to the level, we as staff and you as parents, would expect.

Therefore, today, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January, we have held special assemblies to all students in Year 7 – 11 to speak to them about three main aspects of their conduct, that we have identified as needing to improve in order to maximise our calm learning environment that leads to high levels of progress.

These areas have been agreed upon to give every student the best chances of succeeding in their education and to also better prepare them for 'the world of work' and to lead successful adult lives and are written in our policy and student contract.

They are:

- The way students wear the Park Hall uniform – shirts being tucked in, outdoor clothing not being worn in the building
- Mobile phone/portable media devices/earpods/airpods switched on and visible on the school site
- Being late to lessons or being out of lessons without a valid reason or note.

In order to support our expectations of students, we have decided to adopt an increasingly 'zero tolerance' approach to students who fail to live up to our expectations in these areas. Therefore, all students have been told that they will receive a detention if:

- they wear the uniform incorrectly. Specifically, if they wear an outdoor coat inside the building
- their mobile phone/portable media device/earpods/airpods are seen in the building or within the school grounds and they will be confiscated, logged at reception and available for collection at the end of the school day. However, if students repeatedly breach this rule, we will reserve the right to only return a confiscated item to the student's parent/carer.
- they are late to their lessons or are on corridors without a valid reason and note from staff.

In addition, we will be undertaking a full review of all medical passes, toilet passes and leave lesson early passes to make sure this is as accurate as possible. The vast majority of students use these passes sensibly but there is a minority who do not. In addition, some of the passes are out of date and are no longer needed.

We have also explained to students that it is not appropriate for them to contact parents directly if they feel unwell to go home. If a pupil is unwell, they must speak to a member of staff, so appropriate contact can be made. We ask that you support us in reiterating this message to your child.

You can track your child's attendance, punctuality, and positive and negative behaviour 'live' on Edu link.

We are delighted that the majority of our students live up to our high expectations of them every day and we will continue to reward them with PRIDE points, Ice cream van visits etc, and stickers of praise in their student planner.

We know that the most successful students benefit from strong parental support and support of the school policies and procedures. We know that this can be difficult when parents are faced with a slightly different picture from a student's perspective.

We thank you, as always, for your continued support in ensuring our high standards and expectations of your child are maintained.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S Gregory', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr S Gregory  
Deputy Headteacher