



27<sup>th</sup> August 2021

## Dear Parents/ Carers

I hope you have had a lovely summer break and that your children are raring and ready for the new academic year?

Thankfully, our plans at present, do not seem to have changed since Mr Aldred wrote to you in July. Should any last-minute changes be made in relation to COVID, we will as always, keep you updated. A copy of Mr Aldred's letter has been included to refer back to for testing dates and times and return to school dates and times.

We will be working with students upon their return to remind them of our usual way of working, after a fragmented and different way of working last year. Our students take real pride in the high standards they hold and are a real credit to the school and yourselves. In order to ensure these high standards and expectations are fresh for students upon return, I would really appreciate a moment of your time reading through some of the basics with your children. There is nothing new here and I am sure they will not be a surprise.

## Uniform

We have high expectations in terms of how students present themselves for school. The uniform policy is clear and I have attached a copy for your reference. It is also available on the school website:

[https://www.garibaldischool.co.uk/data/uploads/web/files/Uniform\\_Sept\\_2021.pdf](https://www.garibaldischool.co.uk/data/uploads/web/files/Uniform_Sept_2021.pdf)

Key points to note: all students are expected to wear the school blazer and tie. Trousers or skirts must be black, and if wearing a skirt plain black tights should be worn. Trainers should not be worn to school. Shoes should be black and formal in design. Please be aware of all aspects of the uniform policy when buying items.

## Piercings

Students are permitted to have a single stud in each ear. Hooped earrings should not be worn as these can present an increased safety risk.

Other piercings, for example in the nose, are not permitted and should not be worn for school. On occasions students inform us they are unable to remove the piercing as it will heal quickly. Plasters are ineffective in covering the piercing as they simply drop off.

Any student in school wearing a piercing that is in breach of the school policy will politely be asked to remove it. If this is refused or is not possible then sanctions will be applied.

### **Conduct Cards**

New cards will be issued to all students upon their return to school. The cards have evolved slightly allowing for more opportunities for positive conduct out of lessons to be recognised. Please note: it remains school policy that students must not use their mobile phone on the school site, this is to safeguard all students and staff. Phones should be switched off or on silent and kept in bags or pockets at all times. Should a student wish to contact you during the school day, they should use the student services facility.

### **Punctuality**

School sessions begin at 8:40am. In order to be in session on time, it is our expectation that all students arrive no later than 8.35am. Students arriving late will have a same day 15 minute detention. The lateness will be noted on their conduct card.

### **Consequences**

Consequences remains in place as our system for managing and reducing disruptive behaviour in lessons. If your child is issued with a detention for any reason, you will be informed by phone. If needs be a message will be left. The same day C3 detention has been reduced slightly in time from 20 minutes to 15 minutes. This is to allow for staff training to commence promptly at 3.20pm and to ensure no delay is caused to after school enrichment activities.

To reiterate, these basic expectations are widely understood by students and it is rare we have to enact sanctions. This letter is to act as an aide memoir.

We look forward to seeing the students and parents again in the new academic year.

Best wishes for now.

Yours faithfully



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