

September 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Ahead of our return on 5th September we wanted to contact you and make you aware of our continued uniform, behaviour and attendance strategies.

We will continue to strive to provide your children with the best opportunities to succeed, we wish to clarify and update our expectations for the next academic year.

At Tretherras our mission is to provide an outstanding education where everyone succeeds. Success is measured in many ways and is not just based on final exam outcomes. Success for us is to create a school culture where students and staff have positive relationships, are happy in school, feel confident to explore and question and where students feel supported to be their best.

In order for us to create the right culture where students are happy, polite, prepared and punctual we are asking for your support in the following areas;

Attendance

As with all schools we strive for 100% attendance and hope to welcome back 100% of students on 5th September. As part of CELT we have a minimum expectation of 96% attendance and are required to send letters to parents when a student's attendance drops below 93% and has missed a potential 67 hours of learning. This and subsequent letters form part of our attendance strategy which meets the Government's legislation and aims to ensure that students are receiving their entitlement to a good education. We will be going into greater depth about the importance of good attendance and its effect on outcomes at the Expectation Evenings at the start of the new year, and look forward to seeing you there.

Holidays

Please be aware that we cannot authorise any holidays during term time, and this includes activities week (years 7-9) and Work Experience week (years 10 and 12). There is an exceptional leave of absence form if you need to attend weddings, funerals, memorials or if students are representing the county/country at accredited sporting events.

Uniform

Please find below some key details about our uniform policy; may we highlight the importance of correct uniform in continuing to raise standards and provide the appropriate environment for our students to feel safe and progress. All uniform will be checked at the school gate as the students enter the school site. Shirts must be always tucked in once on school site. If a student is repeatedly asked to tuck in their shirt they will receive an after-school detention to re-enforce the uniform policy. Blazers are to be worn on entering school site.

Our school tie can be purchased through the school and must not be altered. If it is damaged or shortened, we will ask parents to please purchase a replacement. We can temporarily lend a tie through our RESET room, until parents can arrange a replacement.

Trousers and skirts need to be of the appropriate length. This means for trousers they should be rolled down to touch the top of their shoes. Students will be told by female members of staff to unroll or unfold the tops of their skirts. Thank you for your support in ensuring your child wears appropriate black socks. This is a significant standard of dress and please can we continue to ensure all students put their socks back on after PE lessons.

We wish to clarify that nose or face piercings are not allowed and we do not allow students to wear a clear stud or a plaster over the piercing. Please can we ask for your support in ensuring if any piercings are planned for the summer break, they are fully removed for the first school day in September.

Coloured hair must fit into the 'natural' colour category, and we ask that coloured dyes have been washed out before they return to school, and that hairstyles are in keeping with our policy. If a student arrives to school not following our uniform policy, then they will be offered a temporary solution through our RESET room, and the students will return to class. If this is a repeated incident or a temporary loan not accepted or possible, then the student will be placed in our RESET room for the day or until the student can remedy the uniform issue.

As always please contact your child's Head of Year if you require any support in providing any of our uniform items, and please be aware that we do have gifted items available free of charge.

Behaviour

Tretherras is proud of the behaviour of your children in school. To maintain this fantastic relationship, we ask students to follow the criteria set out below;

Punctual - We are on time to school and all our lessons. Please be reminded that students must be in school, and through the gates by 8.35am, as school starts at 8.40am. Leadership will man the gates and late gate detentions will be awarded if students arrive late. Please liaise with the Heads of Year if students have pre-arranged training/medical needs, and need a late gate pass.

Prepared - We are ready to work hard and engage fully in lessons.

- We will wear the correct uniform and behave well.

- We understand how to organise and approach our learning using our Learning Journals to help this

Polite - We are helpful, kind and respectful to others.

To aid this, teachers have a number of strategies they can employ to assist your child engaging appropriately with their learning, and ultimately make as much progress as they can.

We operate a WARN, PARK, TOP OF THE STAIRS policy for classroom behaviour management, the details of which are in the Behaviour Policy on our website.

Any 'out of classroom' behaviour is managed with equal rigour and ultimately overseen by the Heads of Year. We have several strategies available to us to encourage outstanding behaviour during these times and ask for your support in the school system to ensure collective responsibility for behaviour. The importance of this is described in the 'home -school agreement,' which parents sign on admission into Tretherras. A copy of this can also be found on our website.

If you have any questions regarding behaviour please contact your child's Head of Year in the first instance.

We thank you for your continued support

Kind Regards
The Pastoral Team