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Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

## **RE: The Culture and Ethos of Newquay Tretherras**

We wanted to contact you again, before the summer holidays to ensure that, as parents, you feel fully informed of the changes we are making for September.

We are confident that our existing students are fully aware of our commitment to raising standards next year and they have all attended a variety of assemblies led by members of the Leadership team, with the key messages being further supported through our NT Ready and tutorial programme. However, we acknowledge that our new Year 7 parents and students might require further clarification.

### **School Uniform**

We believe that our school uniform is a clear indicator of the high standards which we have at Tretherras and which we wish to instil in our students. Every student at Tretherras is required to wear the full school uniform, unless there are medical exemptions. Research has confirmed that school uniform prevents competition over high-fashion clothing and makes differences in parental income less obtrusive. We appreciate that young people need to express their individuality, but do not feel that school is the appropriate place for extremes of fashion, whether in clothing, hairstyles, jewellery or general appearance. The school appreciates the support it receives from parents in making Newquay Tretherras an equitable learning environment.

### **Uniform Changes**

- Our new Year 7 students will join us in September wearing polishable black school shoes. These are not leather look trainers or skate shoes. Our existing year groups will have 12 months to make this transition.
- Students who choose to wear a skirt rather than shorts or trousers must wear the new school skirt. No alternative to this skirt is acceptable. It can be purchased from our school provider, Macron, and the cost is being subsidised by the school. This rule applies to all year groups.
- All students must wear their tie to its full length. Broken clip-on ties must be replaced.
- Dickies trousers are not acceptable in school, and trousers must not be rolled at the bottom. The bottom of the trousers should sit just above the shoe. All belts and socks are plain black.
- All uniform rules apply from 'gate to gate' therefore students will benefit from wearing a waterproof outdoor coat. Students will not be allowed through the gates wearing gilets, sweatshirts and hoodies and we do not wish them to be getting changed outside in poor weather.

### **Incorrect Uniform – first week back in September**

- Students who arrive incorrectly dressed or with issues with their general appearance, i.e. unacceptable hair styles or colours, will be sent to Re-set, housed in the Sports Hall.
- From here, we will contact you and ask you to rectify the issue, possibly including the collection of the student from school until they can attend school in the correct uniform.

### **Incorrect Uniform – general**

- The student will be sent to the Re-set room.
- We will attempt to provide correct uniform; if rectified the student will return to their lessons.
- If we cannot rectify the issue the student will remain in the Re-set room, and you will be contacted.
- Defiance. Students may not defy staff at Tretherras and if they refuse to rectify their uniform, jewellery or make-up this will be dealt with as a behavioural issue.

### **Gifted Uniform**

We welcome donated items and, in return, provide these to parents free of charge. We are always in need of good quality blazers and plain blue PE tops. Please contact your son or daughter's Form Tutor or Head of Year in the first instance if you ever need support with school uniform or PE Kit.

### **Phones**

- Mobile phones are banned from 'gate to gate'.
- They must be turned off and placed in their bags (not blazer pockets).
- Medical exemptions exist for students with tracker apps linked to their condition and staff will be made aware of who these students are.
- If you need to contact your son/daughter, you may email or call our reception team and we will pass on messages or give them access to our phone system.
- Students can contact you in emergencies via Student Services and the reception teams.
- If seen, phones will be confiscated and returned at the end of the day. Repeat offenders will receive an After-School detention with an expectation their phone is handed in to reception at 8:25am.

### **Jewellery, Make-up and hair colour and style**

- Students may wear one stud earring per ear
- Students may wear one ring per hand
- No other item of jewellery may be worn, and wrists should be free of any accessories
- Students may not wear acrylic nails
- Nails may not be painted
- Any make-up should be discreet and not include false eyelashes, excessive eyebrows and eyeliner
- Hair styles must be acceptable as per the school policy
- Hair colours must be a natural shade of hair colour and so excludes shades of pink and red

Please see the school policy on our website for further guidance.

## Learning Packs

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 are being provided with a Learning Pack to support their preparation for a day of learning. At the end of the day these can be left in school in special boxes that are located in their form rooms; this will support them in not forgetting to bring them to school the next day which would result in a detention.

The packs are named, and students will also receive a copy of their timetable printed for them in advance of the school year.

In addition to this we are subsidising a stationary shop, housed in the school library, which will sell pens for as little as 5p. Students can use their cards to buy these items.

## Cards

All students will be provided with a plastic card which they should keep on their person at all times. The card enables students to obtain food from the canteen, release printing jobs and use the school library. Without the card they cannot use these functions.

If your child needs a replacement card, please order and purchase the replacement from the Parent Pay shop and we will ensure that they are delivered during the form period.

We hope you have found the content of this letter useful. For further detail and clarification please refer to the relevant policies on our website.

We will also be writing to you during the holidays with a final reminder, so that we are ready to start in September with students who are correctly prepared for the exciting new academic year ahead.

Thank you for your continued support.

May we take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy summer holiday. We look forward to welcoming students back in the Autumn term on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

Kind regards

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

**Newquay Tretherras School**