

Thursday 14 December 2022

Dear parent/ carer

**January 2023**

We are delighted to introduce ourselves as the new Acting Headteachers of The Hamble School. Having worked in schools for many years and both been part of the Senior Leadership Team since 2016, we are committed to the ethos of 'Achieving Excellence Together'. We have high expectations for all our students and understand the importance of working in partnership with parents/ carers to ensure that students fulfil their potential.

The school vision of 'We Care, We Aim High, We Learn and Achieve Together' encapsulates the work we do every day. In practise this means insisting on:

- High standards of behaviour
- Excellent attendance and punctuality
- Students being ready to learn by attending school in full uniform and having the correct equipment
- Students having a positive attitude to learning, working hard and always trying their best
- Opportunities outside of academic study
- High quality teaching in every classroom
- Support from parents and carers.

The partnership between school and parents/ carers is the key to your child's success in education. We would ask that you talk to your child about how they are getting on at school and what they are learning, encourage them to take part in extra-curricular activities and check Class Charts regularly to keep up to date with behaviour/ reward points. As parents ourselves, we appreciate that there are always a number of pressures at home, but by working together we can ensure that every child has the very best educational experience.

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## **Behaviour**

It is important to build consistency across the school; by reinforcing high expectations daily we know that students are more engaged in all aspects of school life and in turn will achieve better outcomes. Students must behave appropriately both inside and outside of the classroom. Good behaviour is fundamental to ensuring students learn effectively and develop the social skills needed for the future. At The Hamble School we must always treat people with kindness and respect, demonstrate good manners and be considerate of others. Our rules – ‘Ready, Respectful, Safe’ need to be followed every day in order to cultivate a positive ethos. Details of what we expect from our students can be found on the school website:

<https://www.thehambleschool.co.uk/ready-respectful-safe/>

We recognise that some students have found social interactions (particularly in larger groups) very difficult since the COVID pandemic. Unfortunately, we have seen an increase in some anti-social behaviour; this is also reflected in the community. We would ask that you remind your child that they must move around the site in an orderly manner, not encourage or incite poor behaviour and report any issues they are concerned about using [staysafe@thehambleschool.co.uk](mailto:staysafe@thehambleschool.co.uk) or to any member of staff. We will be reinforcing these expectations to students in January. If your son/ daughter is ever involved in this behaviour we will make contact home and set an appropriate sanction.

## **Uniform**

Over the holiday please ensure that your child has the correct uniform for their return to school in January. All students at The Hamble School are expected to wear full school uniform. We will be having a refocus on this in the new year and would ask that you refer to the website for further details of our uniform policy <https://www.thehambleschool.co.uk/uniform/> this also includes information about jewellery, make up and shoes. Most of our students come to school looking very smart and wearing the uniform with pride, however, if your son/ daughter does not meet these expectations a member of staff will be in contact with you to ensure this is rectified. Students who choose not to wear the correct uniform will be removed from circulation. We understand that in the current economic climate it may be difficult for some families to finance uniform purchases; please let us know if this is a concern by contacting your child's Head of Year.

## **Equipment**

To ensure students are ‘ready to learn’ it is essential that they come to school fully equipped. All students are expected to bring a school bag every day and a pencil case with the stationery detailed in our uniform policy. Tutors will be completing regular equipment checks and students will be sanctioned if they do not meet the expectations. Again, if there are any financial concerns with purchasing equipment, please contact your child's Head of Year.

## **Mobile Phones**

We appreciate that students may wish to have a mobile phone for safety and security to/ from school, however, during school hours students are expected to keep phones in their bags switched off (unless being used in lessons under the instructions of a member of staff). If a student is seen with their mobile phone it will be confiscated and handed in at reception. If it is confiscated three times in a half term, parents/ carers will need to come into school to collect it.

## **Vaping**

There has been a recent increase in incidents of children vaping in the local area; this mirrors a national trend. Vaping has a significant impact on health and we take this very seriously. We also wanted to make you aware so that you are extra vigilant at home. Vaporizers and e-cigarettes come in all different shapes and sizes and can often look like other objects. These items are banned in school – If any child is found in possession of prohibited items they will be confiscated and a significant sanction put in place.

You are already aware that we are sending out a variety of parent/ carer surveys next half term – Your feedback is vitally important to us. We will write to you again in January with the results of our first survey on ‘communication’ and the actions we will be putting in place to address issues raised. We will also be relaunching the Parent Forum and hope that many of you can attend these meetings to share your ideas.

We are very excited and proud to be leading ‘Team Hamble’ on the next part of its journey. If you would like to contact us or have any questions/ concerns, please email [headteacher@thehambleschool.co.uk](mailto:headteacher@thehambleschool.co.uk)

We hope you have a restful Christmas and look forward to working with you in the New Year.

Yours faithfully



Miss L Cambridge

**Headteacher (Acting)**



Mrs S Pennington-Chick

**Headteacher (Acting)**

*If, at any time, you should require special arrangements to be made when visiting the school and/or in order to participate fully in supporting your child at school (e.g. an accessible venue for meetings, if you are a wheelchair user, assistance with translation of documents or enlarged copies of communications etc.), please do not hesitate to let us know.*