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Dear Lister parents and carers,

I hope you and your families are well.

It has been a busy half-term, and you will be able to see some of the highlights on the school website or in the Lister bulletin sent out every fortnight. This letter is to highlight three issues which I know will be of interest to all of you: our updated behaviour system, attendance including a reminder about not sending students to school if they have an infectious illness, and staffing.



For classrooms where everyone can learn

Lister expects you to:

Always Aim for Excellence	Be Kind, Polite and Considerate	Take Responsibility - No Excuses
Get out the equipment that you need for this lesson	Greet your teacher at the door and start the 'Do Now' activity	Arrive on time and in perfect uniform
Allow others to speak - track the speaker silently	Speak politely, clearly and respectfully	Follow instructions the first time
Keep books and classroom free from graffiti and litter	Follow the 'No Hands' rule	Pack up and be ready to leave in silence

Updated behaviour system with new rewards for students

After half-term we will be launching a revised **behaviour system** in which we remind pupils about our very clear expectations for behaviour so that everyone can learn, be safe and happy in school.. We have introduced bronze, silver, gold and platinum badges that pupils can achieve, once they hit certain thresholds in merit points. There will be more opportunities for pupils to earn in-school perks, prizes, and trips.

We will be using lunchtime detentions as a sanction for behaviour that disrupts our school community and learning (including punctuality to lessons, uniform and equipment, unsafe behaviour or behaviour that stops others from learning). This will reduce the use of detentions after school, so that more pupils can participate in after school clubs. Details can be found on the Lister website.

We appreciate your help and support in ensuring that your children know our expectations:

- Lister expects pupils to be ready to learn and to arrive punctually to lessons (we allow five minutes transition time);
- Lister expects pupils to follow instructions first time ;
- Lister expects pupils to be in perfect uniform (policy attached to this email);
- Lister expects pupils to speak politely, clearly and respectfully;
- We move around the school on the LEFT to keep corridors calm and movement brisk;
- Pupils need to stay in lessons. They will NOT be released during lessons unless they have a toilet pass or need urgent medical attention. No-one will be released in the last fifteen minutes of a lesson. If this poses a particular problem, please contact your House team.

Staffing

We have been working to ensure that we are fully staffed. Our pupils work much harder for the teachers they know. Unfortunately, there have been occasions where staff illness or absence means that pupils have supply teachers. Please be assured that we are working hard to address this and to ensure that our pupils always receive high quality work.

Attendance

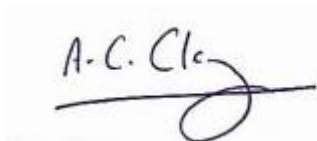
Thank you for working with us to ensure that pupils attend school. However, please do ensure that you keep your children home if they have an infectious illness. Recently we have had several cases of chicken-pox, and in some cases pupils returned before they were fully recovered, putting others at risk. Your help is appreciated - please ring the attendance team if you have any doubts.

I should also like to mention that we have a vacancy for a parent or carer on our Governing Body. If you follow this [link](#), you will find details about the role and how to apply. As Lister continues its journey to excellence, we would welcome more parents and carers to help us reflect on what needs doing and inspire us on our way.

It has been very good to see our parents and carers attending parents' evenings and events in such numbers. It was also good to speak to some of you at the HT drop-in last week. Please make use of the website, eg: for checking policies, looking at what your child is learning in different subjects, etc.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we work to make Lister an excellent school in which all our pupils are supported to aim for excellence, behave in a kind, polite and considerate way, and take responsibility for themselves without excuses.

Yours faithfully,



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