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Dear Parents/Carers

Firstly, on behalf of Shirebrook Academy, its staff, Governors and the ACET Trust, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy and healthy New Year.

Since January, we have re-launched our Behaviour for Learning policy and have been focusing on ensuring that we have the best possible standards of attendance, uniform and behaviour during lessons, at social times and when arriving and leaving the school site.

We have introduced a new detention system which includes lunchtimes and after school detentions in order to effectively address behaviour/punctuality/uniform issues and continue to enhance our rewards opportunities in order to ensure students receive the accolades, praise and experiences that they deserve.

Thank you for your support with our Uniform Policy; It is important that Shirebrook Academy students adhere to the Uniform Policy at all times (blazer, black trousers or skirt, white blouse or shirt, black jumper-no logo and black shoes or trainers-no logo) as it creates a sense of identity amongst our students and demonstrates a student's pride in being a Shirebrook Academy student. It is also advisable that students bring a coat to school especially since the weather is so changeable.

Since our return, students have been excellent at wearing their face coverings around the building and in lessons - our staff have appreciated this approach and we have also maintained a focus on regularly sanitising hands and sanitiser is available in all classrooms and at entrances and exits to the building.

In order to support our after school detention system, the return of BYG revision for Year 11 students and our after school extracurricular and homework clubs, we are now offering an afterschool minibus which will drop students off close to their home. We hope this will encourage students to attend and reassure parents about the safety of their children.

Within North East Derbyshire, cases of Covid remain high and cases amongst Shirebrook Academy students have seen an increase over the last week. Although the Government has stated that masks will no longer be mandatory in communal areas, I would like to request that all members of our community continue to wear face masks in communal areas after the 27<sup>th</sup> January and up to the 18<sup>th</sup> February, when we break up for half term. At this stage, the recommendation will be reviewed. I would appreciate it if you could reiterate this message and add your support to this decision. Our students have coped admirably with the wearing of masks so far and I am sure they will continue to do so in order to protect themselves and others.

Thanks for your continued support and if you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on the school number (01623) 742722 or via the Shirebrook Academy email : [enquiries@Shirebrookacademy.org](mailto:enquiries@Shirebrookacademy.org)

Yours sincerely

Mrs Lindsay Ward, Vice Principal: Student Welfare



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