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Dear Parents and Carers

School Expectations for Secondary-aged Learners

School uniform

Our uniform rules prepare our learners for either returning to mainstream school or entering the world of work where they are required to either wear a uniform or follow a dress code which cannot be customised. We have kept the costs as low as possible, provide a free sweatshirt and provide financial support to purchase the other items.

We also explain to learners that all staff at Three Towers have a dress code we must all follow, whether we agree with it or not.

I am writing to remind you of the following so that we can reduce the number of learners arriving not ready for school:

- Leggings, sports/tracksuit or jeans/jeans style pants are **not** acceptable for school.
- Skirts worn for school should be **no more than 5cm above** the knee. Too many learners are wearing skirts that are so short when they bend or sit, they expose their underwear.
- Only one pair of school trousers should be worn. Too many learners are wearing tracksuit type pants under their school trousers so they can hide mobile phones and e-cigarettes in them.
- False nails should be no more than 5mm above the fingertips for health & safety reasons.
- Uniform must be worn travelling to and from school. Learners are not allowed to change in school, except to change from their preferred designer branded trainers into plain black shoes/trainers on arrival and departure.

Our full uniform requirements and uniform policy are on the website for your information and hope that you will support school by ensuring your child is dressed in full school uniform.

Smoking & Vaping

Smoking and vaping are prohibited in school or anywhere on school premises. An increasing number of learners are hiding their e-cigarettes in their under clothes to avoid having to place them in their lockers on arrival at school. They are then either coming out of lessons regularly to vape, usually using the need for the toilet as an excuse to go and have a sneaky vape. Any learners caught vaping will have their e-cigarette confiscated and disposed of.

Going to the Toilet

Learners are not allowed to go to the toilets during lesson time. Learners are expected to go to the toilet when they arrival, at break and at lunchtime; in some circumstances learners who are desperate or unwell can go to the toilet in between lessons as an exception. The longest a learner would be expected to wait between toilet break is less an hour. If your child has a medical condition that requires more frequent toilet breaks, we will issue a toilet pass upon receipt of medical evidence/confirmation from their GP.

Sadly, in recent days an increasing amount of damage has been done to the toilets which have not long been refurbished.

Please would you speak to your child about the importance of following school expectations and the appropriate use of school facilities.

Yours sincerely

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