



LONGCROFT

—SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM COLLEGE—

INTEGRITY
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RESPECT

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Dear Parent/Carer

The school is in the process of undertaking a behaviour review. The new proposed strategy has the overriding premise that 'good behaviour is expected'. 5 simple rules will form the spine of the strategy, these will be:

1. Follow the instructions of all adults immediately
2. Treat other people as you would like to be treated
3. Respect our school environment
4. Comply with our rules as they are for your safety
5. Be proud of Longcroft – promote a positive image of our school

These rules are simple and feed into our school values of integrity, creativity and respect. Longcroft feels that these simple expectations will have a positive impact on students inside and outside of school if they can meet these on a consistent basis.

Mobile phone usage has also changed. Students can now use their phones during break-times and lunchtimes in the Large Social Area at Upper School and outside of the school buildings at Upper and Lower. Some students have been keeping their phones in their pockets during lessons. This has been distracting them from their studies resulting in a negative impact on their progress. Students must keep their phone in their bag at all other times between 8:35 and 15:40. Students who are caught using their phone outside of the allowed times will have it taken from them and will have to pick it up from Upper or Lower School Pastoral at the end of the day. If a student is caught using their phone outside of the allowed times on three occasions in a half-term then the phone will be taken from them and be handed back to a parent/carer when they can come into school and pick it up.

Part of the review was to look at effective sanctions and it has been decided that after-school detentions will form part of these. These will begin at 15:50 and end at 16:30. The choices that young people make will determine whether or not they will be issued with an after-school detention. If a student doesn't attend their after-school detention or 'fails' this, they will have a further sanction issued to them. If your son/daughter is issued with an after-school detention you will receive a text from the school to inform you. You will be given at least 24 hours notice.

Students will be issued with an after school-detention for a variety of reasons including:

- Recurring defiance
- Failure to follow uniform expectations
- Vandalism
- Persistently not completing homework
- Year Leader, Curriculum Leader or a member of the Senior Leadership Team's discretion
- Negative student contract/report
- Failure to complete a lunchtime detention

Below is a reminder about uniform expectations at Longcroft which haven't changed:

- White shirt long enough to tuck into trousers/skirt
- Longcroft School tie
- Knee length skirt
- Black trousers that are loose-fitting (not leggings/jeggings or jeans)
- Black footwear (no trainers)
- Longcroft branded 'v' neck jumper
- No hoodies, tracksuits, branded tops, leather or denim jackets
- Dark plain belt with a simple fastening
- Students may only wear a watch, one simple ring and one small stud in each ear if pierced
- Discreet make up and no nail varnish

Thank you for your support in ensuring that Longcroft School continues to be a thriving learning community. If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A King', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr A King
Assistant Headteacher: Behaviour and Attendance