



# LONGCROFT

—SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM COLLEGE—

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Dear Parent,

After the Easter break Longcroft are going to launch a new behaviour strategy for Year 7-10, that will focus on rewards for students. The new strategy is called Positive Discipline, it recognises all students, is consistent and will allow students to feel belonging and significance in the classroom as it will reduce low level disruptive behaviour. Students will be rewarded with stamps in their planner, these will be counted fortnightly and will accumulate to certain privileges and rewards throughout the year. Positive Discipline in other schools has increased exam performance and involves non-negotiable sanctions that will allow students to develop academically but also prepare them for society.

Students will be issued with a new planner and they must carry this with them and have it on their desk at all times.

- If a student forgets their planner once in a half-term they will be issued with a daily sheet which must be copied into their planner.
- If they forget their planner on a second occasion in a half-term they will be placed in isolation until the planner can either be brought to school or is found.

The planner is key to Positive Discipline being effective as it allows daily communication with all parents in the form of rewards and sanctions that are issued.

Students will be given a verbal warning prior to any serious sanction being issued. Following a verbal warning comments will be issued to students who choose not to change their behaviour choice. A comment is a written warning issued to a student in their planner when they haven't changed their behaviour choices. Communicating comments in the student planner raises awareness of their negative behaviour choices with all stakeholders including themselves, parents and teachers.

- If a student receives 6 comments in a week they will receive a lunchtime detention.
- If a student receives a further 4 comments in a week they will have to complete another lunchtime detention.
- If a student chooses not to attend the lunchtime detention they will be placed in an after-school detention in the Upper School Canteen on a Wednesday or a Friday until 4:30.
- If a student receives 12 comments in a week they will be placed in isolation for a full day.

Parents will be able to see in their child's planner when a detention or isolation has been issued. We require parents to acknowledge that they have seen their child's planner at least once a week and sign it. If a student loses their planner they will be required to purchase a new planner that will cost £5.

To improve punctuality in lessons and arriving to school on time Longcroft are going to establish a 'lates-detention'. If a student is more than 20 minutes late to their form periods or lessons in a week they will have to make up this time in a 'lates-detention' after school.

Uniform expectations at Longcroft:

These haven't changed however during the cold winter these were relaxed. The uniform policy is clearly stated on the school website and the Department for Education expects all schools to have and maintain strict rules with regard to uniform and appearance.

Below is a reminder about uniform expectations:

- **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 no visible zips on trousers)
- **No jeans**
- **Black footwear**
- **Longcroft branded 'v' neck jumper only (no other type of jumper can be worn)**
- **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 (no nose piercings)**
- **Discreet make up and no nail varnish**

The DFE states "The Headteacher of a school may ask a pupil to go home briefly to remedy a breach of the school's rules on appearance and uniform. This wouldn't be an exclusion but an authorised absence. However if the pupil continues to breach uniform rules in such a way as to be sent home to avoid school, or takes longer than is strictly necessary to effect the change, the pupil's absence may be counted as an unauthorised absence". (DFE, School Uniform, 2013, page 7)

If a student isn't meeting the uniform expectations listed above in bold but can correct this immediately they will receive a comment in their planner. If a student comes into school who doesn't meet Longcroft's uniform expectations that are highlighted in bold they will be placed in isolation until they can meet the expectations.

More information will be available on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April. I will be presenting on this new behaviour strategy, this is will be held in the Upper School and will commence at 6pm. If you are going to attend this please e-mail [school@longcroft.eriding.net](mailto:school@longcroft.eriding.net) by April 5<sup>th</sup>, please include FAO of Mr King in the subject. This will allow us to know numbers and where best to deliver the information.

Thank you for your support in ensuring that standards are raised and sustained at Longcroft School.

Yours sincerely

Mr King

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