



Woodside High School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Behaviour for Learning and Safety Update

I am writing to share with you an update on the systems and procedures in place to ensure your child is safe at school and focussed on their learning. The last 24 months in the face of COVID 19 have been extremely challenging for our community and we are committed to ensuring we create a positive learning environment for all of our young people where they can fully realise their academic potential.

In order to ensure this is the case, we have made some changes to our procedures. As always, students are rewarded with Praise Points when they demonstrate:

- *Positivity: awarded for students when they are positive role models or ambassadors for the school.*
- *Resilience: awarded when students overcome challenges and demonstrate improved work or behaviour.*
- *Accomplishment: awarded for achievement in literacy.*
- *Independence: awarded to students for exceptional effort in homework or independent study.*
- *Excellence: Exceptional effort, uniform and/or upholding of the Woodside values.*

In addition, students will also receive recognition when they meet milestones; they will be awarded praise badges and prizes for the number of praise points they accumulate across the year in assembly.

Alongside these rewards, we also will use Conduct Points as reminders for when behaviour is not meeting the required standard. It is crucial that students are able to learn without disruption in the classroom.

If a student disrupts the learning of the lesson their teacher will give them a positive reminder of the expected behaviour; if the disruption continues, the student will be given a conduct point which is logged on your child's file. In the rare occasion that these two reminders are not responded to, the student will be removed from the lesson so that the class is able to continue with the lesson. Students will have an extended day until 3.45pm. We ask our staff to endeavour to make contact with parents and carers if this takes place so that you can speak with your child at home and support them in making positive choices in school.

We have adjusted our detention system so that the majority of detentions take place during lunchtime. If students miss these lunchtime detentions, their Head of Year will refer them to an after school detention for an hour on Friday or a two hour detention on Saturday morning. There will be a meeting for parents and carers on Thursday 10th February where we will share more information and answer any questions you may have. You can express interest in attending this by emailing: judy.barton@woodsidehighschool.co.uk

Head Teacher: Ms Angela Wallace



The school is also focusing on online safety and safety to and from school. Alongside our Safer Schools Officer, PC David Jones, we have also appointed a member of staff to lead on site and student security. They will walk students to the bus stop if they are required to leave school during the day for appointments and will be around at the front of school all day. We hope this will offer you some additional reassurance that your children are safe in school and around the local area, especially on darker nights.

Finally, you will find below a letter from the police around social media. We continue to have a number of incidents in school that are linked to the misuse of social media. Alongside assemblies and our RSHE curriculum, we will be inviting specialist staff to deliver workshops to Key Stage 3 and we encourage you all to attend the Online Safety Workshop on 8th February 9.00 - 10.00am.

Yours sincerely,



Ms Laura Sanford

Deputy Headteacher (Pastoral Lead)



Ms Angela Wallace

Headteacher



Safer Schools team

Enfield and Haringey Schools Policing

Dear Parent or Carer,

This letter covers the concerns around the use of TikTok by children.

I would like to share with you that there have been a number of incidents in various schools where school children have been posting malicious information or sharing inappropriate images on social media platforms such as TikTok.

This is very distressing and is a behaviour that is not acceptable. Please may I respectfully ask you as parents and carers for us to work together to remind your child that this is a criminal offence under the Malicious Communications Act 1988:

Where a person sends a letter, electronic communication or article of any description which conveys a message which is indecent or grossly offensive, a threat or information which is false and known or believed to be false by the sender is a criminal offence.

If a child writes something which is false or grossly offensive 'just as a bit of fun' or as a rumour and then posts it on social media – they do commit a criminal offence.

The child may then be at risk of permanently excluded and/or prosecution and risk of being criminalised resulting in a criminal record which will have an impact when they apply for a job in the future.

As your safer schools police team, we work hard with your school to avoid school children becoming excluded or criminalised, but sometimes where the level of harm or distress caused is so severe we have little choice but to follow these routes.

The importance of sharing this communication with you is for us to work together to both educate and engage with you to avoid this situation.

Please speak to your child regarding the sensible use of social media. Please consider also using parental software to restrict to manage what they can access and monitor where appropriate. A guide can be found online. I may also look to arrange one of our school officers to host a virtual online awareness session to assist you.

Although this letter is focusing on TikTok the content is relevant for other risks social media poses such as your child being at risk of being exploited, bullied, and groomed online by criminal gangs.

If your child does genuinely suspect of anyone committing criminal offences then they must report this to either a senior staff member, or the police. You or your child can also confidentially access Childline 0800 1111 childline.org.uk or report crime anonymously via the Fearless website. Fearless.org

If you would like to speak further about this or seek some support /education around how to safeguard your child on social media please contact us on..

NAMailbox-.SaferSchoolsNorth@met.police.uk (for schools situated in Enfield.)

NAmalbox-.SaferSchoolsSouth@met.police.uk (For schools situated in Haringey.)

Yours sincerely,

Inspector Jas Kaur (North Area Safer Schools Policing lead.)

