



REDHILL SCHOOL

April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that the recent holiday was an opportunity for you to relax and spend time with your families and those who you care about. The start of a new term is always an exciting time for school, the summer term is always very busy but enjoyable.

For those members of our school community who will be celebrating Eid over the next few days, we hope that you have a good time and enjoy the celebrations. To ensure we know where our children are, please can you contact the school and inform us if your child is not going to be present. We will authorise the absence, however, to safeguard our children we will need to be informed if they are not on school site.

At Redhill the basic standards are very important to us. Ensuring that our student's uniform is correct, that they have their equipment and that they arrive to school on time allows for our school to be an environment that focuses on learning. Please ensure that your child comes to school smart and ready to learn. We carry out regular uniform and equipment checks to maintain our standards. If you need any help with the purchase of uniform or equipment, then please let us know and we will offer you our full support.

This term we are planning to loan uniform to students who are not meeting our standards. The uniform will be washed before we loan it to students. Over the past term we have seen an increase in the number of students coming into school not meeting our standards. The loan system will allow all our learners to meet our expectations.

Our school day starts at 8.40am, this is the time lessons begin. We expect students on site for 8.35am so they can move to their classroom ready to learn at 8.40am. Mr Bishop will be leading on improving the punctuality for our students over the next term.

We have reviewed the system and to raise the standards and maintain our excellent outcomes we will be implementing the following:

If pupils are late for school (arrive after 8.40am) then they will be marked late. The following day they will then be in a 30 minute after school detention until 3.40pm. Pupils will also be placed into a 30-minute detention until 3.40pm if they are late for lessons during the school day (we have two bells in place to consider the movement around our site).

If a student does not attend their detention, they will then be placed in an hour-long detention after school on a Friday until 4.10pm.

If on a morning there is a reason why your child is going to be late for school, please let us know via Edulink or telephone (absence line 01384 816350) about the reason they will not be on time. We do not want to sanction pupils if there is a genuine reason for a late arrival to school.

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Headteacher ~ Mr J Clayton BA (Hons) NPQH

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If a pupil arrives between 8.40am and 8.50am they should go straight to lessons, and their teacher will mark them as late. However, if they arrive after 8.50am, pupils should go to Pupil Services (with Mrs Ward on C block or Mrs Davies on A block) to let them know that they have arrived.

Most pupils maintain high personal standards for punctuality so will be unaffected by this change in policy.

Ensuring all our children are safe and well cared for is very important to us. With Mr Bacciochi (previous Designated Safeguarding Lead) leaving us, Mrs Mather and I will be supporting Mrs O'Neill to ensure that we maintain our excellent safeguarding culture at Redhill. We have also moved our school reception area. The new reception is connected to the visitor car park. With the relocation of our reception area and the introduction of automated gates we have made sure our school site is as secure as possible. We will have signs in place to ensure all visitors know how to access the new reception area.

We have been working with several travel companies to develop a range of trips and visits for our students to experience, we know that this is an area of development for us. We will always try to find the balance between cost and experience. We expect to be able to share information on this by Friday 19th April. We will also be sharing information on our end of school year rewards trips at this time.

The summer term sees the GCSE examinations taking place. Our Year 11 students are well prepared, and we are sure that they will perform really well in their examinations. Prior to the GCSE's beginning, we have Year 10 exams taking place. We run these in the same way as we do the GCSE examinations to ensure our students are as well prepared as possible for their GCSE exams. After their examinations our Year 10 students will take part in their work experience placements. I hope that the placements are a positive experience for the students.

We are delighted that we were once again heavily oversubscribed for places in September 2024. We have contacted those students who were lucky enough to secure a place at Redhill and we look forward to welcoming our new cohort into Redhill School on our transition days.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support of the school. We are very lucky to work alongside such supportive and understanding parents.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J Clayton', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mr J Clayton
Headteacher