



Wednesday 26th June 2024

Dear parents and carers,

July standards uplift

In order to continue our drive to raise standards, from Tuesday 2nd July, we are having an 'uplift' in three key areas. We have seen a vast improvement in standards throughout this academic year across all areas of our school and we are very proud of the students for their contribution towards this. Our final uplift as we move towards the end of term, demonstrates the progress that our school community has made and we are excited to take this next step.

1. Books

Our uplift for students' books focuses on presentation, particularly the pride students take in the quality of their work that they record in there. We have seen huge progress this year and we want to build on this. On Tuesday 2nd July, students will receive new exercise books (which they will continue to use in September) as part of our early transition into the new academic year. At the front of each book, there will be two stickers which students can use as a reminder of the standards that are expected of them. For the presentation of work, we have created a simple set of guidelines:



Being equipped for school is a necessity; it promotes responsibility in our students and allows lessons to start promptly, without the distraction of needing to obtain/distribute equipment. The second sticker will be an exemplar of a book, specific to the subject which demonstrates how the learning should be recorded to support students with later retrieval of knowledge and allow them to connect the learning as they progress through the curriculum.

Please support us by ensuring that your child attends school with the items outlined below as a minimum expectation:

- Black or blue pen (and a spare)
- Green pen (and a spare)
- Pencil (and a spare)
- Ruler
- Pencil case

2. Uniform

Our second area of uplift focuses on uniform as it is such an important visual representation of the pride that students demonstrate in being part of our school community. There will be no changes to our expectations of students, with our basic uniform expectations being that all students wear:

- A tie
- A plain white shirt
- Skirt or trousers
- Blazer (unless we have said they are not needed that week due to the weather)
- School shoes
- No jewellery apart from a watch and one earring per ear

We know that the end of term can be a challenging time with regards to uniform and in order to support this, we have invested a significant amount of money into buying brand new uniform for students to borrow should they not have correct items due to financial barriers. It is our expectation that students work with us to rectify any issues and detentions will be set for those who do not comply with this.

Alongside this, we will also be focusing on all shirts being tucked in. A new 'Uniform Infringement' button will be added onto Class Charts. When a student is recorded as having their shirt out 3 times in one week, they will be issued with a 30-minute detention. The vast majority of students meet this basic expectation and we have seen standards improve greatly; therefore we know that this escalation in the sanction will only apply to a small number of students.

To support students with meeting these expectations, a blue line will be painted across the entrance gates into school and across the gates coming off the Redgra. These will act as a visual reminder to students of the need at that point to meet uniform standards.

3. Behaviour around site

Our third area of uplift focuses on the conduct of students around school site. We have seen a significant improvement in the behaviour of students during unstructured times and this is an area that we want to continue to improve. Through the coming weeks, we will be focusing on ensuring that all students move calmly and sensibly around the site, considering others in the choices they make. Relationships across the school have been positive throughout the year and we determined to build the very best learning environment for all our children.

We thank you for your continued support and your contribution this academic year to helping us to make Kirk Hallam Community Academy the best it can be. We are excited by this next stage and look forward to working in collaboration with you.

Yours sincerely,



Mr Turner
Headteacher