



Eastbrook School

Friday 7th September 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

At Eastbrook School, we expect that all students behave impeccably both inside and outside school. When students come and go to school, they are in our uniform and therefore act as our ambassadors in the local community. We expect them to behave well, be respectful and considerate to our wider community. Our good reputation is something we are working hard to build, and we take this very seriously, as I'm sure you do.

We are, however, becoming increasingly concerned about the behaviour of a small minority of students from our school who are not behaving according to our high expectations, especially on the way home from school. We've had reports of some students gathering in Pondfield Park in crowds, which, you will appreciate, can be seen as intimidating to members of the public and can bring our school into disrepute. These are fed by social media.

As parents and carers, I'm asking that you assist our work by ensuring that your child travels directly to and from school every day and avoids loitering in large crowds. Additionally, I would ask that you reinforce the importance of behaving considerately in the local community. Please ensure that you are monitoring your child's use of social media platforms and reinforce the message that any poor behaviour out of school while in school uniform will still incur sanctions, as per our Behaviour Policy.

Inside school, we are also concerned about the punctuality of some students to lessons. Throughout this week and next, I am holding assemblies with all students to ensure that everyone is clear about our expectations and the consequences if these are not met. Detentions will be held every day, run by SLT for students who are late to lesson. If a child is persistently late, I will be asking parents to come to a meeting to school to discuss next steps.

Our principles are that we are a PROUD school. Therefore, I'm asking for us all to pull together to achieve our vision to make Eastbrook School great. Many thanks in advance with your support.

Please click the links below for some useful information that will assist with monitoring your child's use of social media.

<https://www.eastbrookschoo.org/secondary/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2022/10/Social-Media-Mental-Health.pdf>

<https://www.eastbrookschoo.org/secondary/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2022/10/BReal.pdf>

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Best wishes

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