

# Princes Risborough School

Successful Learners ♦ Confident Individuals ♦ Responsible Citizens



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**Mr P Rowe M.A.**  
Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have spent this week talking to all students in assemblies to give details of the next steps in our drive towards the ever improving engagement of our learners.

The last two and a half years have seen a big reduction in Low Level Disruption (LLD) behaviours and a resultant drop of 40% in staff requiring On Call support. It is very positive to note that 81% of students have received zero behaviour points this school year and 95% of students have not needed On Call support in the same time period. We cannot, however, ever be complacent and must continue to 'raise the bar' for all.

Our ethos will continue to revolve around positive behaviour management as by 'catching them being good' we are rewarding the positive behaviours that we would all wish to see from our young people. Presently, the average PRS student receives ten times as many positive achievement points as they do negative behaviour points. This is a ratio that all students should be aiming to at least match.

Our 5 Basic expectations; be punctual, wear correct uniform correctly, be polite, complete work to the best of your ability and respond positively on first request, have become ingrained in our culture and provide a clear and simple framework with which to support our staff and students.

Whilst the vast majority of students are prompt to form time and lessons there is a very small minority who will delay their movement to their next lesson. From Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February, any lateness will be registered by the class teacher with details of the extent of the lateness. At the end of each week we will then collate the total minutes of lateness of each student and will require them to make up for these lost minutes in after school detention. We ask for your support in ensuring this process is completed when required. We will, of course, take a considered view where lateness is justified for whatever reason.

We would also like to reiterate that phones should never be used under a roof except when in a learning context and after having been given permission by a member of staff.

Gum, hoodies or energy drinks must not be brought in to school and will be confiscated if seen. These are non-negotiable expectations and students are clear about what will happen should they choose to flout these rules.

Whilst the very vast majority of students dispose of their litter appropriately, some students wilfully drop rubbish and affect the school environment for everybody else. We will be taking a zero-tolerance approach to littering and any student found doing so will be required to carry out litter picking as a result.

A succession of external visitors to our school have commented positively on the behaviour and attitude of our students and it is clear that all stakeholders are working hard on ensuring that we continually improve the engagement levels of our young people. Thanks must go to the students who have driven these improvements and also parents and carers for their on-going support.

Please do contact me on the number above if you would like to discuss this matter further or I can be emailed at [jessex@princesrisborough.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:jessex@princesrisborough.bucks.sch.uk)

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