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Dear Parents/Carers,

Maintaining High Expectations

I am writing to you at the start of a new term as we see the emergence of spring and warmer days ahead.

My last letter to you at the start of a new term was one whereby we looked by way of reflection and forward in terms of eager anticipation as to what exciting and new challenges await. With this still very much in mind I wanted to outline to you as key stakeholders at Colton Hills as to what our expectations are of young people by way of their behaviours and attitudes.

We know that the Governors believe that high standards of behaviour lie at the heart of a successful school and good behaviour enables students to make the best possible progress in all aspects of their school life.

Our assemblies this week have reminded students of our expectations as leaders with some key points for you to note:

- Access to school site. The Governors believe that the emotional health and wellbeing of all students and staff are important, and procedures and practices should ensure this aspect is promoted and given importance. Therefore, we offer a FREE breakfast club to support families and our students. From 8.00am can students access the school site. If choosing to come onto school site all students are permitted to access the school Canteen from 8.00am until 8.25am. No students are allowed to freely wander the school site whether this be inside or out. Our safeguarding procedures are clear. Supervision for students during these times must be upheld.
- Students must bring a water bottle that is filled for use during lesson time. Replenishment of water can occur from our water fountains before school (Breakfast Club – open from 8am in the Canteen until 8.25am) and at break or lunch times. No class teacher will be allowing students to wander the school site during learning times when they are expected and timetabled to be in lessons.
- Our school Behaviour for Learning Policy (see website) clearly states that, “Mobile phones are not permitted in the building and should be placed in bags out of sight once students walk through the gate until they leave the premises at the end of the day.” We have reminded students that if ear pods and/or mobile phones are seen they will be confiscated and placed for safe keeping in the Main School Office until the end of the day. Students are aware that behaviours are logged, and a sanction will follow.



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- A very small number of students have either a medical or toilet pass to leave lessons. The SEND & Inclusion Team are currently working with you as parents to confirm whether these are still required with evidence and timescales. Therefore, no teacher will be allowing students to leave timetabled learning (lessons) to use the toilet without this consent, except in exceptional circumstances. Toilets by Student Reception will be locked and the key issued only on request from the Main School Office. A log of the student and teacher name will be recorded on Class Charts for monitoring from school and home perspective.

The Governors and leaders expect students and parents to cooperate to maintain an orderly climate for learning, to the benefit of all staff and students. We appreciate your commitment to this end.

Yours sincerely,

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