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Dear Families,

Following the recent letter from the Chair of Governors at Raine's informing you that I will be joining Raine's from September 2018, I want to take this opportunity to write to you and to introduce myself. As you will know my name is Paul Woods and I am currently the Headteacher at Sir John Cass's Foundation & Red Coat School in Stepney. As Executive head teacher, I will be working alongside Mr Hullett.

I would also like to take this opportunity to update you on some new developments which will take effect from Monday 10th September.

Line up

From the above date all students will be expected to line up in their form rows ready for lessons at the beginning of the school day at 8:30am, after break at 11:20am and also after lunch at 2:05pm. Students will be expected to line up in an orderly fashion and wait in silence until they are led off in an orderly manner by either their form tutor or the class room teacher. I will of course brief students on the details of these arrangements in assemblies and in school also.

Attendance and Punctuality to school

It is no surprise that those students who have excellent attendance and punctuality make far better progress and achieve better grades. There is an expectation that your child will have 100% attendance barring serious illness. For example, even **95% attendance equates on average to a child missing half a day of school every two weeks**. This is roughly 10 days missed over an academic year; a significant amount of learning time lost. Therefore every student should aim for 100% attendance as this will ensure they do not miss any learning.

Students with 100% attendance will be rewarded each half term with a celebration trip decided by the year group. We ask for your support in ensuring that your child attends school every day and they arrive on time for the start of the school day by 8.30am.

As from 10th September any student who is late to school i.e. arrives after the bell at 8.30am will receive an automatic 60 min detention after school that day. Any student arriving after 9am will receive an automatic 90 min detention after school that day.

Mobile Phones

Parents will be aware that mobile phones are currently not allowed to be used in school. This rule is important because we must always preserve a learning environment in and around the school, both in the class rooms, the corridor and the playgrounds. For that reason any students seen in possession of a mobile phone in school, either in the playground, the corridor or in lessons will have it confiscated by a member of staff.





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1st Offence = Returned to student at the end of the day

2nd Offence = Must be collected by a parent/guardian

3rd Offence = Will be kept for 1 week and then collected by parent/guardian

4th Offence = Will be kept for 1 month and then collected by parent/guardian

Sanction system

In order to maintain the positive climate for learning, of which we are very proud, the school works tirelessly to set and maintain high standards in all areas, including discipline. The vast majority of students display consistently good standards of behaviour. However, when behaviour falls below the standard we expect, the school policy is to issue the students with an appropriate sanction that may include a detention outside of school hours. This can vary from 15 minutes up to 2 hours on the same day, depending on the degree of seriousness.

When an out of school hour's detention is issued, the school will always give notice through the school messaging service.

The most recent DfE statutory guidance on discipline in schools makes explicit reference to those sanctions all schools have the legal power to implement including:

- Teachers have power to discipline pupils for misbehaviour that occurs in school and, in some circumstances, outside of school.
- Teachers have statutory authority to discipline pupils whose behaviour is unacceptable, who break the school rules or who fail to follow a reasonable instruction.
- Teachers have power to impose detention outside school hours.
- Parental consent is **not required** for detentions but we will always inform parents for detentions that are over 30 minutes.

I look forward to working with you very much over the coming year, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Kind Regards,

Paul Woods
Executive Headteacher

