

08th January 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Behaviour Curriculum and the start of term.

Happy New Year! I hope you had an enjoyable break with your loved ones.

I wanted to write to you to share more about our behaviour curriculum in school. Our behaviour curriculum is based on the principle that excellent behaviour needs to be explicitly taught to our students, rather than assuming that everyone should automatically know. This is also grounded in the belief that students should be shown clearly what we expect, as well as having a shared language and consistent approach used by all staff to remind them of this when needed. Every couple of weeks, we have a particular focus which is taught during tutor time. Within this time, we make the behaviour curriculum focus clear but also explain the reasons behind this as well as rewards and, if necessary, consequences that will be used to reinforce this. As we are aiming for the 'most employable students in Corby', within this time, we have a considerable focus on developing employability skills, and preparing for adult life in the workplace.

In the forthcoming term, we will be focusing in particular on these areas:

'Right place right time'

Within this aspect of the curriculum, we discuss how important it is to demonstrate the employability skill of 'organisational skills', to be in the right place at the right time during the school day. This means that students need to ensure they carry their timetable with them, so they are clear where they need to be for each lesson. We also explain to students about the importance of using toilets during break times to minimise disruption to learning during lesson times.

Punctuality to school is also an important aspect of 'right place, right time', as we expect students to arrive between 8.30am and 8.40am to ensure they are ready for the day, and in their tutor bases for the start of the first lesson (Personal Development) at 8.45am.

Additionally, we expect students to 'move with purpose' between lessons, so that lessons can begin promptly, and no learning time is lost. If students choose not to be in their lessons on time and are significantly late with no legitimate reason, this is considered to be lesson truancy and students will be asked to make up this time after school in a detention. If this is the case, you will be notified as usual via text message.

'Look smart, think smart'

Here at Corby Technical School, we have high expectations in relation to students' appearance. Please find the section of the website which refers to our [uniform policy](#). Thank you for your continued support of the school in this matter. We understand that there are sometimes exceptional circumstances, or your child over the last few weeks may have grown out of some of their uniform, therefore we do have a small number of items, such as trousers, blazers and shoes, that your child can borrow from us, until you are able to replace these. Our Student Care Team will be able to support with this, and we would ask that you work with them to resolve uniform issues as quickly as possible. Equally, if you have any spare uniform at home that your child has grown out of, we would be grateful if you could donate these to us. Please do drop these into our reception. We expect that all students

wear all elements of our uniform with pride, as part of their sense of belonging to our community, and in preparation for the workplace.

While the weather is expected to turn colder next week, please ensure that your child arrives to school with a coat. Please remind your child that they must remove outer wear (their coat/gloves etc.) while they are inside the building. They must also keep their mobile phone off and in their bags during the school day.

Wishing you the very best for 2024. We are looking forward to continuing to work together with you all in the new term.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "A Reynolds".

Mrs A Reynolds
Principal