

Dear Parent / Carer

## Re: Spring Pastoral Updates

### Phone Wallets

You will be aware that we will be introducing mobile phone wallets soon. To prepare students for this we are insisting on the 'see it, hear it, lose it' rule, where students will have mobiles and any type of headphone confiscated if these are seen in school. Any refusing students are given On Call Detentions and repeat offenders will be required to either leave phones at home or leave in the office before entering site.

Mobile phones do not have a place during the school day. They disturb learning, decrease students' focus and can contribute to bullying. As support, students have all been given printed timetables, year group timetables are on display and we have invested in digital clocks since the new generation are more accustomed to reading digital time!

### Toilets

We continue to address students coming out of lessons to use the toilet. Any student needing the toilet will not be refused, but we have too many children choosing to come out of lessons rather than using the toilet during breaks and lunchtimes, sometimes only minutes after a break has ended. Some students are doing this repeatedly which means they are missing valuable learning time and disturbing the flow of a lesson for others. We need to prepare students for the world of work, where they won't be able to choose to go to the toilet during their work rather than at allocated breaks. Many jobs require this including teachers, driving instructors, professional sportspeople, police officers, factory workers, checkout workers, builders etc. Please support us in avoiding disruption by reminding your child to access the facilities during breaks.

### Attendance and Punctuality

Since the Pandemic, attendance at school across the country has deteriorated. There is a direct and proven correlation between attendance at school and academic progress. In addition to learning, attendance at school supports socialisation and extracurricular opportunities. Please encourage your child to value attendance.

The majority of RPCC's students are punctual to school and to lessons. Did you know that if your child is significantly late to school, a U code is recorded? This counts as an absence and affects their attendance record. We have had a drive on 'Bell Work' meaning that learning starts as soon as a lesson begins, students who are late to lessons miss this important recap. We are launching a drive to tackle those students with unacceptable punctuality.

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### ICT and Safeguarding

As per Government guidance, students' use of ICT in school is monitored with any inappropriate use or search flagged. Recently we have had content flagged and when discussed with a student discovered that it is not their search. This occurs for two main reasons, students sharing passwords and logins or students NOT logging off. The ICT department and HOYs are constantly reminding students about this safeguarding concern, but please can parents also discuss with their children. If inappropriate content is discovered under their user name, they are responsible and in the worst case could get in trouble with police.

### Rewards

This is the thing we love the most at RPCC. We continue to reward students who do as they are asked! Recently we have seen a number of students getting DHT Awards, positive conduct calls being made, weekly emails for the top achievement points, Hot Chocolate with the Headteacher, ethos badges being awarded. and much, much more... Since presentation is important to us, we are having a reward focus on student presentation, with postcards awarded to students whose books or portfolios are carefully presented.

Teachers will soon be inputting data and this includes attitude and progress data. The students with the highest data will receive formal letters from our Assistant Headteachers.

Finally, Easter is early this year, so it's not long until the Hot 50. Based on conduct points, ATL data, attendance and punctuality, students in the top 50 can expect a fun last day of term.

Yours faithfully

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