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Dear Parents and Carers

At Peacehaven Community School, our first priority is for every student to feel safe and be safe. We want to ensure that all students make progress and reach their full potential. We achieve these critical goals when our school is orderly and our classrooms are calm.

Punctuality to lessons

Students need to be in lessons promptly to get the support they need to progress, and to ensure the flow of the lesson is not interrupted. We have seen a small minority of students demonstrating poor punctuality or actively avoiding attending lessons. To address this concern, we are adjusting our stance on the internal truancy of lessons. From the start of term six:

- Any student arriving between 1 -9 minutes late will be recorded in our information system as late and students will make up lost learning time on the Friday after school.
- Any student who arrives between 10 and 30 minutes late to a lesson will receive a 30-minute after-school detention that day.
- Any student who arrives more than 30 minutes late, or does not attend a lesson will receive a 60-minute detention that day.
- If a student truant multiple lessons this will result in 60-minute detention after school and break/lunch detentions and a further escalation where necessary.

Uniform

The majority of our students are consistently in the correct uniform. From term six, we adopt a slightly different 'summer' uniform due to the higher temperatures and these adaptations are to be read alongside our school uniform expectations:

- Students are not required to wear their blazers, but must still have a white cotton shirt (tucked in) and their year group tie as described on our [website](#).
- V-neck black jumpers are an additional extra and are **not** to be worn instead of a blazer. If a student is not wearing a blazer then they should not be wearing a jumper. If they are wearing a blazer and jumper then the jumper needs to be a plain black v-neck jumper.
- Plain black smart, tailored shorts can be worn.
- School shoes are still to be worn and not trainers. Any students in trainers will be asked to wear a pair of our plimsolls.

Any student with one uniform infringement will receive a 30-minute after-school detention. Students need to be in the correct uniform, including no jewellery, on arrival at school.

[PHCS school website link](#)



Mobile phones

A reminder that currently, we ask that all mobile phones are turned off and in bags. They should not be seen or heard. Any communication between home and student should be via the Reception team. Any phone that is seen (even if not being used) will be confiscated for that day. We will be reviewing our current mobile phone policy for September 2024 following government guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-launches-crackdown-on-mobile-phones-in-schools>

Please can I ask that each of you take the time to read the letter together with your child to ensure that they are fully aware of the behaviour and conduct that is expected from every student. In addition, I am asking for your support regarding your child's education, which is essential for their success at school. By ensuring that your child arrives at school on time, wears the full and correct uniform, brings the necessary equipment, and completes their homework by the due date, you will make a lasting positive impact on your child's progress and achievement.

Kind regards

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