



# Holly Lodge High School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have held assemblies with all year groups, to speak to students about the recent negative behaviour of a minority of students in and out of school. The behaviour that has been displayed has led to some unrest in school and discontent within the local community. As of today the following actions will be taken:-

- 1) There will be zero tolerance on all mobile phones and accessories, i.e. ear phones etc. Staff have been instructed to confiscate any item they see whilst on the school site. The item will be kept in the school safe until the end of a school day. If students challenge staff or refuse to hand over their phone, sanctions will be put in place and a parent will be required to attend a meeting with myself to discuss the matter further. Students do not need to use their mobile phones on the school site and many have clearly shown that they do not use them sensibly; videoing and sending inappropriate messages.
- 2) Any social media posts relating to the school; showing students or staff or commenting on them, will result in action being taken by the school and the Governors. Such posts cause upset and stress to individual students and their families and misguided posts cause the community to have a poor view of the school and all students of Holly Lodge.
- 3) No student will be allowed out of lessons for any reason including toilet breaks (unless a student has a medical need). Over the last couple of days there have been a number of fire alarms set off. This has led to the whole school being evacuated (at times in poor weather conditions), putting students with serious medical conditions at risk and disrupting GCSE exams. The action taken for deliberately setting off a fire alarm is a fixed term exclusion. We have now identified the students involved for the recent fire bell activations.

I hope that you will support the school and speak to your son/daughter about the recent events and how they can ensure that Holly Lodge High School is a safe, happy and productive environment.

Yours faithfully,

Mr P Shone  
Headteacher



The Attachment Research Community



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