



# HUMPHREY PERKINS SCHOOL

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Please allow me to introduce myself. I am delighted to be the new Vice Principal overseeing the holistic development of pupils at Humphrey Perkins. One of my key responsibilities is to ensure the safety of students whilst on the school site and this includes the conduct of pupils at all times.

The start to term has been a good one; thank you for your support in this. The majority of pupils have been exemplary in their conduct and behaviour and are clearly proud members of the Humphrey Perkins community. We celebrate success regularly and publicly, for example, in our weekly scheduled assemblies, whereby pupils are recognised and rewarded for their efforts and achievements. Most students are receiving reward points on a daily basis.

As we all agree, every pupil at Humphrey Perkins has the right to feel safe. Every pupil has the right to attend lessons and have the opportunity to excel academically and develop holistically, without disruption or distraction to their learning. *It is every pupil's right to truly 'be the best they can be.'*

In order to ensure all pupils have the opportunity to flourish in a calm ordered and safe environment, Trust policies have obviously been written, agreed and implemented by all. As we enter the new academic year, Humphrey Perkins is reminding pupils of our behavioural expectations. As I am sure you agree, your support with this is critical. We would like to remind parents / carers of the following expectations so you can fully support at home.

## Mobile Phones and Devices

Mobile phones should not be seen at any time during the school day. Research has demonstrated repeatedly that devices are a serious distraction to learning. They are also a safeguard risk, particularly if pupils contact parents directly and / or pupils are filming or taking photographs of other pupils without consent.

If staff see pupils with a phone, pupils must hand them over when asked. Confiscated devices can be collected from the Admin office at the end of the school day. If pupils refuse to hand over their device, an immediate C2 will be issued.

[Please see page 9 of our Behaviour Policy for more details.](#)

## Attendance

The Chief Medical Officer, Chris Whitty, has informed every school that parents must send their child to school should they have a 'mild illness'. Students do not academically excel or develop holistically if they do not attend school. The government are directing schools and local authorities to take a strong line on this.

[Please read Prof. Chris Whitty's Letter for further information.](#)





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## Lessons and transition between lessons

In order that pupils are safe and can achieve their academic best, it is mandatory that pupils attend all timetabled lessons and they are on time. We cannot keep students safe if they are not in lessons. A C3 will be issued if a pupil is caught truanting lessons: we do not wish for any of our students to miss out on their learning time.

## Toilet Usage During Lesson Times

Pupils with a medical pass are permitted toilet access during lesson time. Pupils who *genuinely* need the toilet during lessons will be issued with a green lanyard pass from their teacher. Teachers record when a pupil leaves the lesson for the toilet, for safeguarding purposes. We are carefully monitoring toilet usage and will inform parents if their child appears to be struggling. Over the summer brand new toilets have been installed that are open plan and clean. We ask that all pupils look after and respect our toilets.

## Off Site

Pupils wearing Humphrey Perkins uniform represent the school, the Lionheart Trust and the community in which they live. When pupils are dropped at school they are our legal responsibility. Pupils are therefore expected to enter the school gate immediately in order that we can keep them safe. The gate will close at 8.27am promptly as tutor time starts at 8.30am. Late comers will be issued a C2. En route home, pupils are expected to continue to behave in a calm, respectful and kind manner at all times including on the bus. Buses are vape-free and in the unlikely event of any student caught vaping, this will be reported to the school and parents notified, with a possible bus ban if necessary.

[Please see page 7 of our Behaviour Policy for further information.](#)

Research has demonstrated that working collaboratively with parents will help enable their child to excel and develop, in order that children achieve the *'destination of their dreams.'*

**"Parents play a significant role in the educational development of their children..."**

(Montacute and Cullinane, 2018. Parent Power. Sutton Trust)

I whole heartedly thank you in advance for your full support and co-operation in this matter and look forward to meeting you all, over the next few years.

My warmest regards

Ms Emma Booth  
Vice Principal Holistic

