

# St Monica's R.C. High School

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Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to start by wishing you all a Happy New Year. As you are aware I joined St Monica's in September 2019 and have alongside the headteacher implemented necessary changes to ensure your child receives the best quality and the most well-rounded education. I was encouraged by our recent Ofsted inspection report that stated:

*'The behaviour of pupils around school and in lessons has noticeably improved. Lessons are typically free from disruption. Behaviour during social times and when moving between lessons is calm and purposeful.'*

I spoke to the pupils in assemblies earlier this week to tell them how proud the Headteacher and I are of them and to keep making the right choices.

The report did go on to say *'there remain a small minority of pupils who do not respond positively to the new behaviour policy'*. I will be meeting individually with these pupils and parents in due course.

I am sharing with you now our pastoral focus for the Spring term as we continue to develop our high expectations culture. Please talk these through with your child to reinforce our conversations in school.

1. Attendance and punctuality - it is incredibly important that your child is in school, on time, every day so they receive the quality instruction from the teachers. An end of year attendance of 95% attendance means that pupils have missed 9 days/45 lessons and 90% means that pupils have missed 19 days/95 lessons.
2. Attitude to Learning – it is vital that children are ready to learn and must get themselves organised so they bring with them all the correct equipment, books and homework for the day ahead.
3. School Uniform – Please can I remind you that no jewellery, nail polish, make-up, fake tan, false nails or false eyelashes are allowed.
4. Fizzy drinks (including Lucozade) are not allowed in school.

We consider the welfare of our pupils to be of the utmost importance, therefore if you would like to bring anything to the attention of the school please do contact your child's form tutor as the first port of call. We also have Heads of Year and Pastoral Managers who can be contacted to discuss any issues. If your enquiry is subject specific, please contact your child's subject teacher or the Head of Department for that subject.

I will be holding a parent clinic on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> January 3.15 pm – 5.00 pm. If you would like to speak to me during this time please contact Mrs Collier, PA to the Headteacher, for an appointment.

Yours sincerely

Mrs E Keenan  
Deputy Headteacher