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Dear Parents / Carer

ROOKS HEATH SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS: REMINDER TO OUR PARENTS AND STUDENTS

Firstly, I would like to thank all the parents and carers who have encouraged their children to be at school every day and on time. Almost all of you will read this letter in acknowledgement and support of the school's aims and recognise yourselves as the families who uphold the school's policies.

Unfortunately, we have seen a small number of students not meeting our expectations for **attendance**, punctuality, uniform and general behaviour for learning. It is disappointing to note that we have a small number of students who are failing to meet the expectations at Rooks Heath School and who are displaying a number of concerning behaviours. I have put '**attendance**' in bold as this is the number one priority. If your children are here, we know they are safe and they will be learning.

I want to be very clear: **poor behaviour and attitudes at school will not be tolerated.**

I am confident that the majority of our parents want us to have this as our approach. Parents and carers want a safe school. Parents and carers want a caring school. Parents and carers want a school where their child will be happy, thrive and succeed. We expect all our parents to be effective by speaking with and checking in on their children and reminding them of the elements of good learning behaviours and exceptional character- our on TRACK values.

You will remember that you and your child signed our Home-School Agreement when you joined Rooks Heath School. The aim is to ensure we support every child to strive to be their best and to achieve the highest level of success so they may leave us as confident, well-rounded, educated individuals, ready for their next steps. Please re-read the Home-School agreement together with your child.

When I joined in 2019, I wrote to all parents to introduce myself, my vision for the school and include a reminder of what we expect in order to sustain the good progress and reputation of our school. We have introduced our students to the 'non-negotiables'. The non-negotiables are parts of our school policy that we will not amend, change nor enter into discussions about as we have made them clear in person and in our [Home-School Agreement](#). These are:

Be Ready – Attendance, Equipment, Uniform, Homework and Independent Study

Be Respectful – Behaviour in lessons, in corridors, outside of school and mobile phones.

Be on time – Punctuality to school and lessons and in travel to and from school





If any child is unable to meet our expectations, they will be addressed in the appropriate ways applying our Behaviour for Learning policy. We are counting on you to support this from your end at home and outside school hours.

Finally, a note about **communication**. To keep you informed about school events and notices, our main format of communication is electronic. We are also on the main social media platforms ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#)). Letters are posted in the [Letters Home](#) section of our website. We also continue to post letters and reports on SIMS Parent app or via email. Please ensure we have your current working email address and contact number. Please note that all parents and carers must have activated and have access to the SIMS parent app and Satchel. One.

Thank you for taking the time to read to the end of this letter and for reading all our other communication.

As always, my letter will be for the few. The majority of our school community work together for the sake of our children. Now let us all ensure that we achieve excellent standards in all areas.

We look forward to your support in ensuring all students are treated fairly and consistently and trust the guidance above makes things much clearer for everyone.

Please find below a selection of useful links to key information on our website:

Useful Links:

- ❖ [Attendance](#)
- ❖ [Uniform](#)
- ❖ [Breakfast Club](#)
- ❖ [Behaviour for Learning](#)
- ❖ [PTFA \(Parents, Teachers and Friends Association\)](#)

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the school by phone or emailing contactus@rooksheath.harrow.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely

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