



**Rossett School**

Success for everyone

September 2018

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Welcome Back from the Pastoral Team at Rossett: Important Notices for September 2018**

Firstly, we would like to say a warm welcome back to all students in Years 7 – 13 at the start of the new academic year. Welcome particularly to our new Year 7 students who have had a very positive start to their secondary education, in the July induction days and in their first few days here at Rossett School.

For your reference, we begin this year, as every other, with a letter to clarify the current practices in school regarding the practicalities around the school's expectations of ALL students.

#### **Mobile Phones:**

You may have followed the recent press coverage and research into the impact of mobile phones on students' learning and mental health. We are dedicated at Rossett School to ensuring the very best climate for learning so that students are engaging fully in lessons and any distraction is eliminated. To support this, we have rules regarding the use of mobile phones within school.

To ensure that our expectations of all students and parents are clear, we are writing to you to reiterate our current practice. Our basic expectations are listed below.

- Mobile phones should be **off and away** in school; students are not permitted to use their mobile phone unless directed by a teacher in a lesson. Students that don't follow our clear guidelines can expect their phones to be confiscated immediately.
- Any phones that are confiscated will be stored in a secure location and can be collected by students at the end of the school day. Our usual practice is to contact parents for a meeting should there be any issue around compliance with our expectations.
- In exceptional circumstances, students may need to contact home during the day; in this case students should report to their pastoral team office or Student Reception.

We would welcome your support in reinforcing these expectations with your child. Communication through social media is widely accepted in the wider society outside school; for us as educators it can prove an added distraction to students. Our expectations seek to limit the exposure of students to these constant social pressures, allowing them the space to focus purely on their learning.

#### **Uniform:**

'Pride in Presentation' is a key theme at Rossett School this academic year. The standards expected for school uniform are clearly explained on the school website. All students must wear a school blazer in Years 7-11. Shirts must be tucked in at all times, with top buttons fastened and tie worn to the top of the shirt. No jeans or leggings will be accepted and students should wear black shoes and not trainers.

Full details of the Rossett School uniform can be found on the school website:  
<http://www.rossettschool.co.uk/parents/school-dress/>

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**Travel:**

As we start the school year, many students will be using the services provided by the various contracted bus companies that organise the school runs for Rossett and other Harrogate schools. For your reference, please find a link below to our Bus Code of Conduct (sent to all parents of students using the buses in July 2018).

<http://www.rossettschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Bus-code-of-conduct-updated-July-2018.pdf>

We respectfully remind you that the main responsibility for ensuring good behaviour on home-to-school transport lies with students and we would ask for your support in discussing your expectations with your child as the term begins. We will be reinforcing key messages regarding our expectations through school assemblies and tutor sessions.

Parents of students using the services of Tetley's buses will have received information regarding changes to the methods of payment for the 2018/19 school year. The school is working with parents and the bus company to answer any queries as they arise. If any parent needs to discuss the implications of these changed patterns of payment, especially if they result in specific hardship. The school finance team can be contacted at the school at 01423 564444 option 4.

Many thanks in anticipation of your continued support.

Yours sincerely



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