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Ermysted's Grammar School

Headmaster: Mr M J Evans

17 September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Addendum to the Behaviour Policy

I write to draw your attention to the Addendum to the Behaviour Policy (a copy of which is available here - [Addendum to the Behaviour Policy - Covid-19](#)) which will supplement the existing School Behaviour Policy. This has been written to reflect the significant protective measures that have been put in place across the School to ensure the site is as Covid-secure as possible. The intention of these additions is to protect pupils and staff alike during the coronavirus pandemic. These changes, however, will only be effective if all pupils adhere to them.

I would also like to take this opportunity to provide you with a brief pastoral update. As part of my new role within School, I am the **Designated Safeguarding Lead**. Should you wish to share any concern you can call the School or email me directly at ajackson@ermysteds.n-yorks.sch.uk.

Over the coming weeks, all pupils will complete a mental wellbeing questionnaire to allow us to ascertain their feelings upon returning to school and to then provide necessary targeted support, whether that be pastoral or academic, for pupils in need.

I am also pleased to announce that the additional pastoral provision from last year remains in place including, but not limited to, a counsellor, a youth worker and a social prescriber. Appointments for these services will be overseen by the pastoral team based on their professional judgement and following any request for support from parents and pupils.

To support the pupils in and out of school, the 'Ermysted's Text Support' service is live and pupils can text any concern they have. A member of the pastoral team will respond initially through text and then in person. The number for this service is: **07544 239 770**. Furthermore, the 'report a concern' link on the website is another facility whereby parents and pupils can share concerns. You can access this with the following link: [Report a Concern](#).

It has been a challenging few months and the changes to 'normal' school life will take some time to establish, but I am pleased to see all of the pupils back in school interacting with their peers and enjoying their lessons.

If you wish to discuss any of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Yours sincerely,

Adam Jackson
Assistant Headteacher