

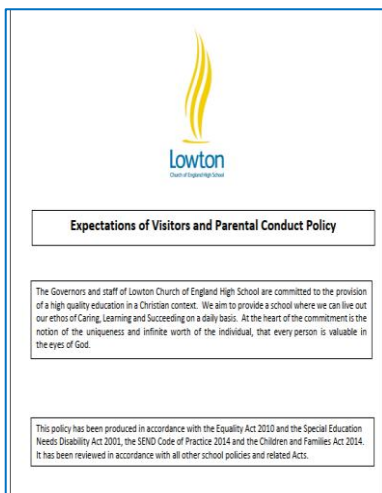


13 September 2024

Dear parents and carers

Good news on attendance and punctuality

Last week I said attendance and punctuality were particular priorities for the school year. It is great to see that the vast majority of students have attended well so far, and punctuality is notably strong. Uniform is smart and students have settled well into their learning. The habits of being present and being on time are lifelong habits – they set us all up for success. Thank you to you as parents for help making this happen.



Engagement with you as parents: The document you can see on the left is available to read on our website. It is an articulation of our approach to and expectations of how we engage with you as parents and our expectations of parents.

You will see that it starts with what we as a school will do, and then goes on to say what our expectations of parents are to engage well with us so that your child does well at school.

You tell me through the parental survey each year, that our engagement with you is strong, communication is highly effective and 90% of you would recommend the school to another parent.

Therefore, it may be a surprise to a lot of you that within the policy there are sections on acceptable behaviour and engagement, and the steps we will take where that falls below an acceptable level.

It moves on to what happens if parents cross a line of acceptable conduct. On an exceptional basis there has been a small minority of parents who have subjected staff to unacceptable verbal aggression, intimidating behaviour, and even threats. No-one should come to work and be treated like that – and I will not tolerate it, and when needed will take action as needed to put a stop to it.

Unfortunately, I have issued warning letters to some parents and there have two separate incidents of parents being barred from being on the school site, or only being allowed to communicate with the school through named senior staff. You can read the full policy here:

<https://www.lowtonhs.wigan.sch.uk/site/data/files/statutory/ED7714202EF2DDAF9A01A5A5D4A4EEAE.pdf>

School photographs: this coming Monday (16th September) we will be doing school photographs for which all students are reminded to be in full school uniform for. As always, this means no jewellery or makeup. These photographs are an important part of our safeguarding procedures as well as a chance for you to have a nice photographic record of their time at secondary school.

Thank you, as always, for your support in seeking for your child to be excellent in all they do.

Yours faithfully
Kieran Larkin
Headteacher

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