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Dear Parent/Carer

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Thank you for all of the support with the changes we have made to raise expectations. Already, we are seeing a positive impact across the school.

While the vast majority of pupils are meeting our expectations, a few are still attempting to follow their own rules. A school cannot operate effectively when this happens. We simply will not allow a few pupils to spoil things for others.

Therefore, this letter contains some reminders of things all pupils need to do along with some updates.

# Reminders

### Uniform

There is a small minority of pupils who are not following our uniform rules and they are being sanctioned appropriately. We have been very clear about our uniform expectations and we sent out letters about this before the Christmas break and again before pupils returned to school this week. All uniform information can be found on our website: <u>https://bloxwichacademy.co.uk/secondary-uniform/</u>.

We will be persistent in making sure every pupil's uniform is correct, every single day. We politely ask you to help us by reminding your child to wear the correct uniform.

## Equipment

Pupils must have basic equipment to be able to learn. This also prepares them for the world of work where they will need to have the correct equipment. Pupils who do not bring the equipment they need they will be sanctioned.

Pupils must bring the following equipment to school every day:

- A suitably sized waterproof bag for transporting books, Homework, equipment etc. The bag must be large enough to hold an A4 folder.
- Pens including at least 1 black and green pen.
- Pencils, ruler and eraser, in a pencil case.

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### Start of school day

Pupils now need to be onsite for 8.30am. All but a small handful of pupils are arriving on time. Anyone who is late sits a detention after school on the day they are late.

### **Updates**

Bloxwich Academy is committed to forming partnerships with local businesses and other organisations. We are proud to announce that this week we have forged a connection with AJ gyms and CTF fitness, who are working with us on a project to raise pupils' aspirations.

It is a requirement that all schools complete a practice lockdown procedure. This will take place in the coming weeks. When this has happened, we will text all first parental contacts on our system. If you have changed your mobile phone number, please ensure you have let your child's House Office know or email postbox@bloxwichacademy.co.uk.

Should school ever have to be closed because of bad weather, e.g. snow days, you will receive a text message before the start of school. Pupils will be able to access lessons on Teams. We only ever close when it is unavoidable.

Please note that <u>all</u> communications about your child will go through their House Office. This prevents messages being lost and wires being crossed. **From Monday 15**<sup>th</sup> **January, teaching staff will not respond to parents' emails.** You can get in touch with your child's Head of House on the phone. If they are not available, their dedicated PA will take a message. If you do want to email the school the address is <u>postbox@bloxwichacademy.co.uk</u>.

We would ask that if you have any comments or queries about school, please send these to <u>postbox@bloxwichacademy.co.uk</u> rather than putting them on social media. Contacting us through the right channel will mean that we will be able to respond to you.

Yours sincerely

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