



Attendance & Behaviour Updates – September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

In order to improve the education of all pupils at Buile Hill Academy, I would like to draw your attention to some key areas of our Behaviour and Attendance procedures that we will be working with all our students this academic year.

We recognise that the single biggest lever to improve a child's academic performance is for them to access high quality teaching in every lesson. In order for this to be achieved, we expect every student to attend school every day, engage positively in 5 great lessons a day and work to the best of their ability.

Historically, we have had concerns over a minority of students who have failed to engage positively to all lessons and so this September is an opportunity for a fresh start for all students and a chance to reassert our high standards and expectations of all students and their conduct.

With that in mind, please note the following:

- If pupils are found on the corridors during lesson time, without a teacher pass, they will be placed in a 30-minute detention on the same day. They must immediately return to their lesson and continue with their learning.
- If a pupil refuses to return to the lesson, this will be escalated to a senior member of staff in the school.
- Should a student continue to refuse to engage in their learning they will be suspended for the remainder of the school day for defiance.
- If a pupil fails to attend the 30-minute detention after school, they will work in isolation the following day.

All this information will be logged on ClassCharts.

Pupils who require a medical pass or toilet pass, will need to provide a letter from their GP before school can issue any concessions.

Attendance/Punctuality

The school day starts at 8.25am. Pupils must arrive at school at least 5 minutes before the first bell, in order to be in form period promptly for an 8.25am start.

If your child arrives after 8.25am, you will be notified by text message of their lateness to school.

Should your child arrive at school after 8.55am, they will be placed in after school detention, on the same day, for 30 minutes.

Your child will also be marked with a 'U' code. If multiple 'U' codes are acquired by your child, you will be issued with a fine and possible legal action.

ClassCharts

ClassCharts is an app that allows you to track your child's rewards, punctuality, attendance and behaviour. All parents **must** access this app if we are to work collaboratively to improve outcomes.

You can download the ClassCharts app from the App Store or Google Play. Alternatively, you can log on to www.classcharts.com.

We recognise that the success of our students is dependent on a successful partnership between school and home and we hope that we can work with you as parents and carers to reaffirm the high expectations that we have of every child that attends our school.

Yours faithfully

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Headteacher