



NINESTILES
AN ACADEMY

Tuesday, 16th October 2018

Dear parents and carers

We are writing to share with you the news of an important change to our school behaviour policy with which we are keen to have your support. We will be involving students in this change and asking them to work with us to make this initiative a real success for everyone's benefit.

At Ninestiles, An Academy we believe that outstanding conduct and behaviour is vital to student progress and achievement; it underpins the learning environment we expect and that our students and staff deserve. Excellent standards of behaviour need to be maintained throughout the school day, both in lessons and during unstructured time such as break and lunch. This ensures that the school functions in an orderly manner and that students are fully prepared to make outstanding progress in lessons. Great behaviour results in safe and happy students and staff.

We know that behaviour is already of a high standard but we want and expect more from our learners, and so from **Monday 5th November** students will move around the building in silence during change over times. This will ensure students arrive calmly and ready to learn and staff can give out any information they need to swiftly and easily.

Once the school day has commenced with **tutor time at 8:40am** all student movement including to and from assembly, at lesson changeover and towards communal areas at break and lunch will be carried out in silence. Students will leave school in silence following the conclusion of their last lesson.

Please rest assured that at break and lunch times, students will still be able to relax and socialise with their friends once they reach the communal areas of the Greenwood Restaurant, Social Space, New Eating Area or the MUGA and field. All internal areas of the school will have clear signage to indicate that noise is not permissible once the school day has started, and members of staff will be on duty to remind students of the policy and support them to ensure they understand and follow the rules. The sanction for breaking the silent corridor rule will initially be a 20-minute detention; any repeated failure to follow the school policy will result in an appropriate escalation of sanctions.

We have written to you in advance of the implementation of this policy as we realise that this marks a change to our current practice and we know that it is important to share key messages with you as partners in the success of your children, our students.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at principal@ninstiles.org.uk if you need further clarification. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Best wishes

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