



**St Cuthbert's  
Catholic High School**  
*Live life in all its fullness*

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Dear parents/carers

At St Cuthbert's we believe we offer education with a difference which enables us to maintain the very highest standards of learning and personal development. We are noted for being a caring and well-disciplined school and our key aim is to ensure that all students realise beyond their potential. We are a happy school, with an energetic and talented staff committed to presenting high standards.

**Many, many thanks to the vast majority of our young people who adhere to these standard day after day and are excellent role model to their peers and a credit to their families and to St Cuthbert's.**

Everyone has a part to play at St Cuthbert's and everyone is listened to. We encourage positive attitudes and a 'can-do' culture. We aim to provide a secure, safe environment in which all our students feel valued and where they can develop the skills, attributes and confidence which will enable them to 'Live life in all its fullness'.

We are a fully inclusive school and we are proud of the level of achievement and attainment of all of our youngsters, both in terms of academic success and participation in the many other opportunities that we are able to offer.

So it is appropriate as we finish for a well-earned half term that we are **reminded** of the standards expected of our students in order that there are no distractions from learning:

- **Attendance** – nothing less than 97% and above is acceptable. Requests for holidays in term time will not be authorised.
- **Punctuality** – the school day begins at **8.30am**. Persistent late arrival could lead to payback of time after school for students.
- **Uniform** – [please refer to the uniform list on the website](#). Please note as the cold weather begins, outdoor coats must be plain black.
- **Jewellery and Nails** – Only 1 pair of plain studs in ears. No other piercings allowed. No false nails or nail polish.
- **Phones** – Phones are allowed but switched off at the start of the school day until 2:40pm. Use of phones in school could lead to confiscation.
- Need for **school bag** and all equipment including pencil case and PE kits.
- **Litter** – there are plenty of bins in and around school. If litter continues to be a problem then school will need to look at alternative arrangements for students eating at break and lunch.
- **General behaviour around school** – especially at breaks of lessons.
- **Bikes** – if students arrive late on bikes, they will not be put in the secure bike shed, and school will not accept responsibility for loss or damage.

Once again, can I reiterate that these are not new standards, just reminders and thank you to those who this will **not** be referring to.

Wishing all our staff, students and their families a restful half term holiday. We re-open to all students and staff on **Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 8:30am**.

Yours sincerely

*C.A. Twist*

Mrs C Twist  
**Headteacher**

