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Dear Parents and Carers

Parents/carers, students and staff have highlighted the need to improve discipline in our school in order to achieve our collective goal of outstanding education - allowing teachers to teach and students to learn. Unfortunately, for too long, there has not been clear rules and expectations which has meant that some students have been causing unnecessary disruption to learning. This is unfair on students that do want to learn and teachers that have planned resources and activities to boost the rate of progress.

To tackle this assertively and effectively, a new behaviour policy has been created in conjunction with the staff, Student Senior Leadership Team and Governors. This policy, although lengthy, includes all the detail needed to ensure our school has the very best learning environment for our young people. This policy not only provides accurate and fair sanctions for inappropriate behaviour but also rewards positive behaviour displayed by the majority of our students. Our new policy sets out clear guidelines for all pupils, parents and staff regarding behaviour expectations within school. The Assertive Discipline policy will be used throughout school for lesson time, social time and movement around school.

From Monday 12th of March, we will be introducing our Assertive Discipline Policy (AD). This will come in the form of a new behaviour policy which outlines student discipline systems and procedures so that expectations are crystal clear for students, staff and parents. Students will be receiving a presentation by me and the Senior Leadership Team over the next 2 weeks and staff have already had training sessions to ensure clarity on the systems and procedures outlined in the policy. On Monday 12th March, all students will be supplied with new ties which are a block colour to easily identify each year group. This will be subsidised by the school and hopefully support some of our students to start afresh.

With the above in mind, I would like you to read the policy on the website so that you are fully aware of the expectations for your child when attending Newsome High School.

I and my team look forward to working collaboratively in making our school the brilliant school that our young people deserve.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher