



# Highfields School

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Dear Parents/Carers

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## STANDARDS & EXPECTATIONS AT LUMSDALE

We are writing to request your support in maintaining high standards and expectations with regard to school uniform and student conduct. We continue to receive very positive feedback about the conduct of our students and are very pleased with the standards upheld by the vast majority. There are three specific areas which we will be focusing on during the next half term.

### Hoodies and non-school jumpers:

Following recent cold weather and snow there has been a small increase in students wearing non-school jumpers (for example black jumpers without the Highfields logo, possibly with other branding) and hoodies to school. We will be informing students that we will consistently observe the school uniform policy and confiscate any non-uniform items worn by students. We will contact parents/carers to discuss concerns if students persistently violate the school uniform policy.

### Electronic cigarettes:

Electronic cigarettes (e-cigs) are not allowed in school, nor are students permitted to use e-cigs on their way to school or on their way home from school. The school's behaviour policy clearly outlines expectations for student conduct which, for the vast majority of the time, reflects extremely positively on our school community. If a student is found to have brought an e-cig into school it will be confiscated for five school days, and the student will receive a 45 minute after school detention. In this event, we will make arrangements to speak with parents/carers about the issue.

### Phones / Social Media:

Unlike many schools, Highfields currently allows students in Years 9-11 to bring their mobile phones to school for use during break and lunch times, to listen to music or play games. Phones are not to be used take photographs or videos. If a student needs to make a phone call during the day they should do so from the school office. Students are aware of the rules around appropriate use of mobile phones in school and if students use their phones inappropriately their phone will be confiscated and returned at the end of the school day. Students who have made inappropriate use of their phone will continue to be allowed to bring their phone to school in case of emergencies on the journey to and from school, but will be told to keep phones switched off in their bag throughout the day.

We appreciate your support to help enforce the above and ask that you talk to your son/daughter about maintaining these standards.

Yours sincerely

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*This is a good school. Ofsted, May 2017*

*A good school with an outstanding Sixth Form. Ofsted, October 2012*

