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Dear Parent/Carer

School Behaviour Policy

I hope this letter finds you well. I would like to thank the families that have provided feedback in relation to our School Behaviour Policy. We appreciate the valuable feedback we have received from parents, students and staff.

At Tolworth Girls' School & Sixth Form (TGS), our primary focus is to create a safe, supportive, purposeful and positive learning environment that is inclusive for all, enabling teachers to teach and students to learn. We take great pride in being an outstanding school where the exemplary behaviour of our students is often commented on by visitors.

Feedback from parents/carers noted that the vast majority support our current policies and recognise the effectiveness in creating a positive learning environment.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree
I think it is important that schools have high expectations of student behaviour	79%	20%	1%		
I think TGS has clear expectations and boundaries for students	48%	41%	4%	2%	5%
I think overall that TGS manages student behaviour well	30%	51%	9%	4%	6%
I think that TGS has effective sanctions in place for managing poor behaviour	33%	45%	11%	1%	10%
I think TGS applies the behaviour policy consistently	22%	47%	13%	2%	16%
I think TGS has effective systems for rewarding students that behave well	21%	38%	16%	6%	19%

As a result of feedback, we will be reviewing our systems and procedures over the rest of the academic year with a key focus on recognition and rewards. In the meantime, we are implementing a couple of small changes with immediate effect to ensure a fair and supportive environment for our students. The primary change is the half termly implementation of a “one chance” system. This adjustment takes into consideration the feedback from students and parents who particularly noted the anxiety created by forgetting something. We want to create an environment where mistakes are viewed as opportunities for learning rather than sources of stress.



Changes to Policy

Uniform - If an item is forgotten, students should collect a green slip and this will be recorded. All students will be issued with 'one chance' before a detention is issued.

Please note our usual exemption remains in place that if there is a reason why a student does not have an item, they should bring a note from a parent/carer and a green slip will be issued to cover this. No detention is issued in this case.

Equipment - If an item is forgotten this will be recorded, but only if it is forgotten a second time will a detention be issued.

Homework - If a piece of homework is forgotten, students are expected to bring this the next day. Failure to bring this in will result in a detention.

Lateness to school - Punctuality to lessons remains a high priority for TGS. Any lateness impacts not only the student, but also the class and the teacher. We appreciate that on occasion this lateness can sometimes be beyond a student's control, therefore, we will also approach this with the same 'one chance' approach.

Please note that persistent incidents of any of the above may result in further sanctions.

We want to reassure you that these adjustments align with our overarching goal of providing the best possible education for your daughter and our commitment to maintaining a high standard of behaviour. We appreciate the collaborative effort between our school and parents/carers in fostering the well-being and success of our students.

If you have any further concerns or suggestions, please feel free to reach out to us. Thank you for your ongoing support and trust in TGS.

Yours faithfully



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