



SKEGNESS ACADEMY

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Dear Parent/Carer

With our continued commitment to support your child and provide an environment conducive to learning, I am writing to inform you that from January 2021 the Skegness Academy will be launching a brand new policy which will replace our current behaviour policy. As detailed in our most recent Ofsted report, behaviour and attitudes at the Skegness Academy have vastly improved and we continue to recognise the improvements that are a by-product of our systems in place. To further enhance learning opportunities, eradicate low level disruption, easily identify repeat offenders and recognise positive behaviour choices, the Skegness Academy will implement Positive Discipline.

Positive Discipline enables students to receive an instant response to a behaviour, which will be recorded in the student planner; a stamp for positive behaviour, a written warning for negative behaviour. Positive Discipline is a behaviour policy that affords students the opportunity at all points to make positive choices and minimise sanctions. Our model of Positive Discipline ensures consistency, meaning positive behaviours are promoted, recognised and rewarded whilst negative behaviours are identified, recorded and sanctioned. Research shows that as a result of this policy the majority of students operate within the rewards framework.

Central to Positive Discipline is the student planner. The student planner is where all stamps are collected and written warnings are recorded. Therefore, the student planner becomes the main point of contact between home and school. Please take time each evening to discuss your child's day. It is an expectation that students will have their planner on their person at all times of the school day; if your child loses their planner this will need to be replaced, at a cost to you. The cost will be deducted from ParentPay and will be communicated with you. With this in mind we would like to remind parents and students that a school bag is essential.

A weekly Positive Discipline session is imperative to ensure we can monitor and track your child's behaviours regularly. During this weekly session your child's tutor will discuss and collate the number of stamps and written warnings received. These will then be recorded on our central behaviour management system - ClassCharts. Students will also complete silent reading and use this time to catch up on paper-based work, meaning that your child will need a reading book in their school bag, in line with our current expectations.

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The Skegness Academy model of Positive Discipline includes the following:-

- A Code of Conduct - These rules form the foundation of Positive Discipline and are not negotiable;
- A Sanction ladder - When a misdemeanor occurs an identified sanction or range of sanctions follow;
- A Fast track sanction indicator - A situation where behaviour is seen as so serious that a more severe sanction is required;
- A Rewards framework - Stamps unlock opportunities to receive regular rewards that celebrate the achievements and successes of our students.

The above information can be found on the Academy website. I strongly encourage parents to familiarise themselves with our model of Positive Discipline and take time to discuss the policy with your child who will also receive full information before the end of term.

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school.

Yours sincerely



Mr D Field
Senior Assistant Principal

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