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Dear Parents/Carers –

I write to ask for your support with the following:

Latecoming Procedure

Just a short update to make you aware of a change we are making to support punctuality at NBHS – we are really keen that young people develop positive habits with timekeeping that will support them both in and beyond school.

From Monday 6th March, any pupil arriving after 8:40am will continue to sign in at reception but will do so with a member of the Senior Leadership Team rather than using the sign in sheet. We are keen to increase our engagement with young people upon their arrival. You may, during this initial transition period notice an increase in late notifications – we ask you to bear with us and please speak with your young person about the importance of punctuality should you notice a pattern.

Young people who have an agreed arrangement to arrive late in school should sign in at reception in the usual way.

Social Media Concerns

A number of our young people are creating social media content featuring images of staff and pupils at NBHS without their knowledge of permission. This can be distressing to individuals concerned.

Where we are able to identify who has originated a false account or has photographed/filmed without permission, we will take appropriate action, speaking with the young person, reminding them that this behaviour is in contravention of our acceptable IT use policy and, if appropriate, NBHS mobile phone policy and inform parents and carers.

Where we are not able to do this, if the account is anonymous or created falsely, we will report the account using appropriate means and request deletion. We also ask our School Link Police Officer to work supportively with pupils to ensure they understand the significant impact of their actions on others.

I appreciate your support and understanding in this matter – you may find the following resources helpful in speaking with your young person about their use of social media.

There is a really useful guide written by Connect, the National Parent Forum of Scotland, here:

https://www.npfs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/edd/2020/05/NPFS_online_safety_E.pdf

And from Childline here:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/>

With kind regards and thank you once again for all your continued support of North Berwick High School.

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