



COPPICE
PERFORMING ARTS SCHOOL



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Important Information for Parents and Carers

Summer Term 2018

Name of Student:

Dear Parents/Carers,

I have enjoyed the last two weeks at Coppice. Everyone has made me feel welcome and students have been looking after me when I look lost. Coppice is a very friendly place and in my view a good school. So while the school looks for and appoints a new substantive headteacher I'm very happy to be working with your lovely children.

At present Coppice has a low Ofsted grade – requires improvement. I've been scratching my head about why such good students and staff are not yet recognised formally as good. I'm sure you are interested in knowing yourself.

Ofsted judgments are detailed and they evaluate lots of evidence. Primarily inspectors look at the progress students make over time and how they seem to value their school. Attitudes to learning and behaviour are the sorts of things that are looked at.

At the moment children at Coppice need to focus on their learning. Too many are letting themselves down when it comes to things like wearing the correct uniform, lateness to school and lessons, dropping litter, or disrupting learning.

You don't need to be alarmed its just things can be better. I will be talking to students about their behaviour and attitudes to learning over the coming weeks. I think with a renewed focus, a back to basics approach, things will improve for everyone. I am hoping that you can speak with your child about how well organised, prepared and presented they are at school during the Easter holiday.

After the holiday the school is going to be set up slightly differently. The rest of this newsletter includes some information about expectations that you can use as a starting point for a conversation. Your support will be crucial. You should also be prepared and know that if your child does not follow the school code of uniform and conduct that there will be consequences for them. For example if your child arrives in school without the correct uniform they will be sent home immediately to put this right. If that is not possible then they will be removed from normal

lessons until the uniform is put right. Another likely concern will be the misuse of mobile phones. How your child uses or is addicted to their mobile phone is a worthwhile conversation.

At present there are too many examples where lovely children have got into bad habits. These can get in the way of their learning and that then leads to under performance. After Easter we start fixing this.

If you have a uniform problem then make contact and we will help. Good communication will make this work.

The following members of staff will be in charge of looking after each year group.

Year 7	Mr Dodd
Year 8	Mr Adamczyk
Year 9	Mrs Dulai
Year 10	Mrs Rhodes
Year 11	Miss McKenna
Post 16	Mr Weaver

Four of these members of staff are well known to students as heads of house.

If you have concerns or problems then there will be people in school ready to talk with you about things. I look forward to meeting some of you for the short time I work with your children.

Yours sincerely

Dean Coombes
Interim Head Teacher

Focus 1: Uniform

Our school uniform is an important expression of our pride in ourselves as a school and we expect all students to be in correct uniform. If you have any queries please contact your child's Year Leader. If in doubt, check before making any purchases.

1. Trousers and Skirts

- Trousers must be tailored – not tight, skinny or stretch lycra
- Trousers should be 'loose' not 'tight' at the ankle
- Skirts must be an appropriate length - not tight or stretch lycra

Acceptable



Unacceptable



2. Footwear

Acceptable Footwear

Plain black leather or synthetic leather shoes



Unacceptable Footwear

- No Trainers
- No visible branded footwear even if fully black in colour.
- No fabric or rubber strips or rubber toe coverings
- No Boots are acceptable school footwear

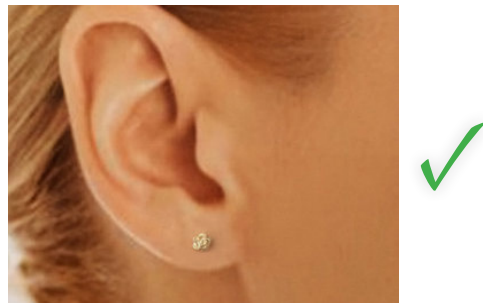


3. Coats and Hoodies

Coats and Hoodies need to be left in lockers and must not be worn around the school building. Lockers are available to hire through Student Services (£5 refundable deposit).

4. Piercings

Only plain studs earrings are allowed, one in each ear only. No other piercings! This is for health and safety reasons.



5. Nails

No nail extensions, false or gel nails



6. Hair Colour and Cuts

- No unnatural hair colour, including “dip-dye ends”
- No haircuts/eyebrows which include shavings/patterns/“tram lines”

7. Make-up and false eyelashes

- No heavy make-up or false eyelashes
- Students will be asked to remove



Focus 2: Mobile Phones

We have one very simple rule regarding Mobile Phones and Headphones.

Mobile Phones must be **Out of Sight, Silent - Switched off**

This rule applies to during lesson times and lesson changeovers.

If students chose to not follow this rule the consequences will be:

- Mobile phone/headphones confiscated and placed in the school safe
- Parents/Carers will be informed and will need to collect

If students need to contact home they may use the year or school reception phone. Please note the school cannot be held responsible if any valuable items brought into school are lost or stolen.



Focus 3: Prepared and Ready for Learning

1. Equipment

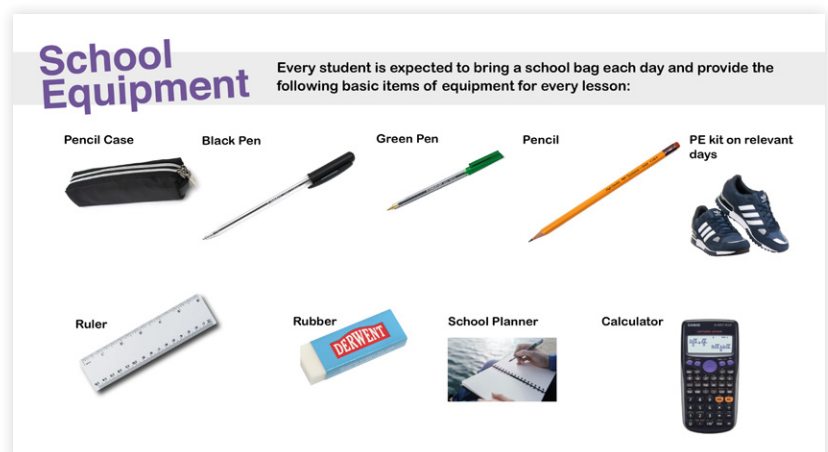
All students need the following equipment

- Pencil Case
- Black Pen
- Green Pen
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- Calculator
- School Planner
- PE kit on relevant days

All of this needs to be kept in a suitable school bag which is waterproof and large enough to carry A4 sized folders and books.

2. Punctuality

- All students need to arrive to school, form rooms and lessons on time
- Being on time gets the day off to a good start and helps students make the most of learning opportunities.



Focus 4 - Respecting our Learning Environment

1. Litter

- All rubbish belongs in a bin
- Rubbish must not be left out or on the floor
- Consequences for students who persistently fail to respect their learning environment



2. Chewing Gum

- No chewing gum is allowed on the school site

Focus 5 - Respecting Each Other

Students are expected to behave in a respectful, polite manner at all times.

This includes:

- Being courteous to each other, staff and visitors
- Holding doors open for each other, staff and visitors
- Using the terms please and thank you
- Moving swiftly and appropriately around school

Please Note:

- Parents/Carers will be contacted if any aspect of a student's appearance is deemed inappropriate
- Students not in correct uniform may be sent home or internally isolated until the problem is rectified
- Medical conditions preventing students from wearing the correct uniform will require a letter from your GP
- Please refer to the school website for further information regarding uniform

We thank you for your support in all of the above matters.

If you have any queries please contact your child's relevant Year Leader.



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