



7th of May 2024

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Dear Families

Thank you once again for your support last week in ensuring our school returned to calm routine. It is important to have an environment conducive to learning and particularly for our students who are embarking on their GCSE examinations from this week. Thanks to the parents who took the time to meet with us at our parents' information evening on Wednesday the 1st of May and then also on Thursday the 2nd of May. If you have any concerns, I would be truly grateful if you would make an appointment to meet with me and my senior team. Please contact Kirsti Greer by email kgreer01@beckfootupperheaton.org or phone (01274) 493533 (ext. 14104). We are listening carefully and working with our community to move forward and the insight from parents has been particularly helpful in our ongoing investigation.

Our uniform has always been important to us as it symbolises belonging and it is vital that we uphold all expectations with fairness. Given that the upsetting and potentially dangerous events of Friday 26th April, involved large numbers of people from outside of our school who we could not identify, it is particularly important that our students are identifiable to all staff by their school tie and school blazer. We want to hear from you if you believe your child cannot meet the expectations of our Beckfoot Upper Heaton uniform policy. I have attached a copy here of Pages 7 to 9 of our Behaviour and Recognition protocol.

We have been asked by several parents and the media what has been the punishment for students following the events on the afternoon of Friday 26th April. We do not discuss individual students, however, there have been appropriate consequences for those whose actions were dangerous. We can confirm that we are not intending to prosecute. Our job is to educate not to prosecute. More importantly, we continue to work with our school community to heal and live our core values of kindness, excellence, and integrity.

Yours sincerely,

Mr B K Dey

Headteacher