



Friday 24 October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Behaviour, Attendance and Uniform Expectations

As we come to the end of a successful half term, we would like to thank you for your continued support. It has been a real pleasure to see our students working hard, showing kindness, and contributing so positively to the life of our school. The calm, focused atmosphere across lessons and around the site reflects our shared commitment to high standards and mutual respect.

At Bishop Ullathorne, our expectations are rooted in three simple values that guide everything we do: Ready, Respectful, Safe.

- Ready – students are prepared for learning, with the correct uniform, equipment, and positive attitude.
- Respectful – students are polite, considerate, and kind to others.
- Safe – students act responsibly to ensure everyone feels secure and supported.

To uphold these expectations, we use a clear and consistent behaviour system. We use praise and reward and when behaviours fall below our expectations we use a staged approach:

- S1 – Reminder: A verbal prompt to encourage a positive change.
- S2 – Warning: A recorded warning if the behaviour continues. A break detention to talk about choices may be given.
- S3 – Removal from lesson: The student completes their work elsewhere and attends an S3 detention for reflection and a restorative conversation.
- S4 – Serious incident: For repeated or serious behaviour concerns, involving senior staff and possible further sanctions.

This approach ensures a calm, respectful learning environment where every student can succeed.

Attendance

We are delighted with the positive attendance this half term and thank all families for their support. However, we would like to remind everyone that excellent attendance is essential to achieving success.

- Students with 95% attendance or above make the strongest progress across all subjects.





- Missing just one day every two weeks adds up to nearly a full year of lost learning over a child's school career.
- Attendance below 90% is classed as *persistent absence* and can seriously affect learning, confidence, and friendships.

Please continue to encourage your child to attend every day, arrive on time and be ready to learn. Our pastoral and attendance teams are always available to support families if challenges arise.

Uniform

Thank you for supporting our high standards of appearance, which reflect pride in belonging to the Bishop Ullathorne community. As we move into the next half term, we ask that all students continue to meet our uniform expectations:

- Boys' trousers should be worn properly, pulled up at the waist.
- Girls' skirts should be of an appropriate length, worn smartly and in line with the school's uniform policy.
- Jewellery should be limited to one small stud earring in each ear and a watch (smart watches are not permitted).
- Students should also ensure they are always wearing their blazers and ties (the jumper is optional).

These expectations help students present themselves smartly and with dignity, reflecting our shared Catholic ethos and respect for our community.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support and for helping us maintain high standards of behaviour, attendance, and uniform.

Together, we ensure that Bishop Ullathorne continues to be a place where every student can flourish.

We would like to wish you all a happy half term and look forward to seeing our students return on Monday 3 November 2025 on a Week A.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Boyle
Headteacher

Denise Durkan
Assistant Headteacher
Behaviour and Attitudes

