

16th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to write to parents of students with SEND personally to reassure you about our new 'Disruption Free Learning' policy. I am aware that some parents are worried that children with SEND will not cope with these changes.

We know that overwhelmingly parents, students, and staff state that they wish for the classroom to be a place of learning without interruption.

I wanted to reassure you that the system will always be coupled with support and adaptations for students with SEND. Staff have received additional training and the expectations have been made very clear to teachers in relation to their planning, use of one plans, passports, and different types of support. If this is ever not the case, please do liaise with the SEND department.

The expectations in relation to the code of conduct (3 Rs: Be Ready to Learn, Be Respectful and Be Responsible) will support students with SEND in the classroom as the expectations are much clearer.

The system for challenging students: check-in (with take up time allowed), warning (with take up time allowed) and relocation to the reflection room should also mean that the classroom is purposeful and without disruption, a calm and orderly classroom which will also benefit students with SEND.

Please do send an email to my PA directly (sjames@ormistonriversacademy.co.uk) if you would like to discuss any part of the new expectations or interventions further and I will be happy to make a call to you or set up a meeting.

Thank you as always for your support.

Yours sincerely,



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