

MBO/LHO/Heads PA/Letters/Parents/PupilProtests
28th February 2023

Dear Parent / Carer

Re: Pupil Protests

As you will be aware, planned pupil protests took place across the country yesterday. Unfortunately, a very small minority of Winifred Holtby pupils, joined at times by pupils from Kingswood Academy, attempted to disrupt the normal running of the academy day both here and at Kingswood Academy. This required us to take steps to keep all of our other pupils and staff safe, including restricting access to the outside areas at break and lunch time.

The vast majority of pupils attended the academy as normal, engaged very well with their lessons and behaved impeccably at social times. Pupils also responded well to the additional measures that we put in place to keep them safe. They are to be commended.

We will never condone or tolerate behaviour that includes trespass, significant criminal damage and intimidating behaviour. Unfortunately, a very small number of pupils went beyond the concept of a 'peaceful protest' and behaved in an anti-social manner yesterday. This required the support of Humberside Police at several points throughout the day. We have launched a full investigation, in cooperation with Humberside Police, to identify the individuals concerned.

Please be assured that we are taking action to ensure that those who behaved in an anti-social manner yesterday receive appropriate sanctions in line with our behaviour policy, and we will continue to do so should this behaviour continue.

Our democratically elected Pupil Council meets on a monthly basis to listen to the views of the wider pupil body and to raise any concerns with the Senior Leadership Team and this is the forum we ask pupils to use to get their points across.

Yours faithfully



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