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Dear families

At Dixons Fazakerley, we have six key Learning Habits which are the behaviours we teach our students about and then subsequently expect of them all day, every day. We have already introduced students to the Learning Habits of perfect uniform, punctuality, homework and correct equipment.

The next learning habit we will introduce is the habit of being on task in lessons. It is essential that every student, in every lesson is always on task and giving their full attention to the learning they are undertaking. 100% focus is needed as every second counts; if your child is to have the life chances they deserve then they need to be learning in a classroom that is disruption free. It is the right of your child, and of your child's peers, to learn without off task behaviour interrupting lessons.

In class, students will be given a verbal warning and a planner warning (where a student's planner is taken to the front of the room) before they are removed from a lesson for being off task. Your child will therefore have two reminders and two opportunities to get it right before being removed from a classroom. This is in addition to the many other ways teachers work to keep children focused in lessons. We want students to get it right - they simply need to be doing what is asked of them in lessons. If your child chooses to be off task in a lesson multiple times, and is removed from a lesson, they will receive a same day correction. If your child is off task so often they are removed from multiple lessons in a day, they will spend time in our Mountain Support room reflecting and planning on how to improve their decisions.

I know that families will be delighted to see their child's learning being protected in this way and to see us addressing one of the key concerns Ofsted and, more importantly, parents and carers have raised in the past. I thank you for your support and would ask that you speak to your child about the expectation of being on task all day, every day, and the consequences if they fail to meet them. If you have any concerns about the introduction of the new learning habit please contact your child's Head of Year to discuss.

### **Timeline of Implementation**

We always seek to support students in getting it right when introducing a new Learning Habit and we will be phasing this new approach into our routines as outlined below:

#### **Monday 1 November – Friday 5 November**

We will be communicating the new approach to students and working with those students (and their families) for whom we feel further support may be needed. This includes practice that allows students to understand how the classroom warning system will work.

#### **Monday 8 November – Friday 12 November**

We will be texting families if a child has been removed from a lesson for not being on task and meeting with families where this happens more than once. This is so we can work together to ensure all students succeed.

#### **Monday 15 November**

We will fully launch the on task Learning Habit with corrections issued to any student who must be removed from learning.

Thank you for your support as we continue to improve our learning environment for every student and thank you for the work you will do with your child to ensure they are prepared for the changes outlined in this letter.

Yours faithfully

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**Vice Principal**  
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