



6th July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Re: Updates to our PDFL System

We aim to develop the character of all students to be responsible, aspirational and positive toward their learning, in every lesson. We want to recognise the positive and aspirational attitudes of our students and give ample opportunities for praise, rewards and recognition. Students who consistently meet the school's Values and Expectations should feel proud of their achievements. As we reflect on a challenging academic school year for all students, parents/carers we have taken the decision to review our current PDFL (Positive Discipline for Learning) policy to ensure that students who do the right thing day in, day out are being regularly rewarded and recognised.

We have made the decision to adapt the way in which we report behaviour and attitude to learning to allow you to have a greater understanding of your child's progress in school on a daily basis through the SIMS Parent App. This frequent sharing of information strengthens our partnership between school and home and will help you to support your child and celebrate their achievements.


PDFL in action: The image below provides more detail about the new PDFL scores.

Positive Discipline For Learning

Classroom Rules

- 1** I demonstrate the Values and Expectations consistently. I always take opportunities to develop my character in the classroom and around school. My attitude is positive. I am eager to learn.
All students start a lesson with a PDFL 1 score. A VW gives students a chance to correct their behaviour and continue with a PDFL 1 score.
- 2** I demonstrate the Values and Expectations most of the time. I sometimes take opportunities to develop my character in the classroom. My attitude is positive therefore, I want to learn.
PDFL 2 = 1st comment
Issues with equipment, kit, homework, completion of work, behaviour etc.
- 3** I do not always demonstrate the Values and Expectations. My attitude is not always positive and this can have an impact on my learning.
PDFL 3 = 2nd comment
Any further negative behaviour.
- 4** I do not demonstrate the Values and Expectations. My attitude is not positive, I need to reflect on my actions so that I can learn.
PDFL 4 = 3rd comment
Room removal and 1 hour detention.

- Arrive on time, enter the room quietly and go to your assigned seat.
- Follow the school's Values and Expectations at all times.
- Take out your planner and equipment for the lesson.
- Follow instructions from staff, first time, every time.
- Complete work to the best of your ability.
- Do not swear and shout at each other.
- No eating, chewing or drinking in class.
- Pack equipment away quietly when asked and wait for permission to leave.
- Always hand over your planner when asked by a member of staff.



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How is PDFL changing?

Students will be awarded a score from 1-4 in a lesson instead of a present mark. This will appear on their attendance register for you to view in the SIMS Parent App for every lesson throughout the week. To enable all students to start each lesson in a positive way all students will begin the lesson with a PDFL 1 score, which is the highest score. Students who remain with a score of 1 for the lesson will automatically receive three reward points each lesson. Members of staff will also issue additional reward points at their discretion for deserving students.

What happens if my child is given a warning?

If your child receives a verbal warning this is a chance to reflect and modify their behaviour without dropping to a lower PDFL score. For any child who demonstrates further negative behaviour/attitude or who does not have the correct equipment, kit, homework, etc. they will be moved down to the next PDFL score (see poster image on previous page for details).

What happens if my child has a PDFL 4 or 5 score?

Students who receive a PDFL 4 or 5 score will receive a 1-hour school detention as their behaviour in the lesson will have significantly disrupted the learning of the rest of the class on several occasions.

My child has a PDFL score of 5, what does this mean?

A PDFL 5 score means that a student has spent 3 units or more in inclusion.

Will my child still receive an attitude to learning grade?

Students will now receive an average score for their attitude to learning across a half term/term which you will be able to view on the SIMS Parent App alongside their Key Assessment Point grades.

What if my child is absent?

Students will still get an N mark for non-attendance.

When will children be told about this?

Students will be informed in assemblies this week.

What if I have a concern about the PDFL score given?

Please continue to raise any concerns with your child's Director of Year as you would have done previously.

We understand that there may be some questions from parents/carers about this and ask you to direct any queries to the following email address info@cockburnschool.org

Yours sincerely,



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