

You Said... We Did



The school is too strict

I have always been clear that we will be a school that checks uniform, checks equipment, and expects students to behave and respect themselves, the staff, and each other. The rich academic experience that River Academy provides stems from these systems and their application.

These systems are designed to reduce disruption, allow teachers to teach and learners to learn, as well as keep students safe and develop their awareness and skills for their lives ahead. It is ambitious, and we do expect a lot of our students, but I am thankful that so many of them are able to rise to the challenges that River Academy offers them.

Feedback isn't always heard

Feedback is always heard and gladly received, which is why we have the surveys and parent forums. We have made several adjustments based on parental feedback, such as our longer lunches on Friday and how we organise lunches. While we hear feedback, we don't always change things because of it. In running a school for everyone, we have the balancing act of keeping a wide range and high number of different stakeholders happy.

We are an experienced team, and we see so many positives for our students in attending River Academy. While parents may disagree with some of our systems, they are implemented for the right reasons. Our outcomes of a safe environment, calm and productive classrooms, high levels of attainment, and strong attendance from students and staff are incredibly positive metrics.