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Dear Parents and Carers

re Chewing Gum / Bubble Gum

There has recently been a noticeable increase of chewing and/or bubble gum within college so I am writing with a reminder of the college rule with regard to gum, which is simply:

Chewing gum / bubble gum is not allowed in the college.

This is clearly stated several times in the Information Booklet that is given to every family when a student joins the college and is always available on the college website: [The Spires College - Student And Parent information booklet](https://www.thespirescollege.com/page/?title=Student+And+Parent+information+booklet&pid=154)

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The reason for this rule is to prevent students ending up with gum stuck to their belongings or to themselves and to prevent damage to college property. Currently, the college is spending a considerable amount of money on removal of gum from the carpets, flooring and furniture.

The college is a PFI school which means that the facilities are maintained by an external provider. Every time a piece of gum is removed from the floor or a piece of equipment, the college is charged over £10 for cleaning services; money that is much better spent on supporting our students' education.

It is very unpleasant when gum ends up where it should not and I know that parents do not want to end up removing it from their child's property, clothing or hair.

Please remind your child that they must not bring gum into college. Any gum brought on site will be confiscated, disposed of, and the student will be issued with a detention. Repeated issues will be regarded as refusal to follow instructions and further sanctions will apply.

Thank you for your support in this matter, as always.

Yours sincerely



Ms A Newton
Principal