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Dear Parents/Carers

This year has been particularly challenging in many respects and, whilst we have tried to maintain high standards across the school, uniform has slipped for many students.

Uniform is important to us as we feel it allows students to have a sense of pride and self-respect – it is a clear message that we care about ourselves, each other, and the school community in which we work.

Therefore, we wish to reinforce our expectations so that after the Summer break, students can be welcomed back without need to address incorrect uniform/appearance.

To ensure that you can support our expectations in ensuring the correct uniform is worn, it may be helpful to you to clarify some key points:

- We expect students to wear black shoes, not canvas, trainers or boots nor should they have any writing or markings on them.
- Trousers need to be **straight legged** – “skinny” trousers, leggings, jeggings or jeans are not appropriate.
- School skirts should be on the knee, pencil or back vent – very short, elastic skirts are not smart and are not suitable for school.
- To regulate temperature, only school sweatshirts / jumpers should be worn over a school polo shirt.
- Coats, jackets and other non-school uniform items should be removed **before entering** the school building.
- Incorrect uniform will be dealt with by applying a variety of sanctions.

The full uniform list can be found on the school website under Parents, School Uniform. If you are unsure as to an item's suitability, please check with the school prior to purchasing.

To maintain our high standards, we have a limited supply of spare uniform items which students will be expected to wear if they are not in the correct uniform; please be assured that any items which are loaned to students are laundered before they are handed out. If any item of your son/daughter's uniform is lost or damaged please email the school office telling us when it will be rectified.

If you have any financial difficulty in meeting the school uniform requirements, please contact your son/daughter's Tutor or Head of Key Stage.

May I also take this opportunity to remind you that hair should be of a single, natural colour; a watch and one pair of stud earrings is all the jewellery allowed. Nose studs should be replaced with a clear plastic retainer.

Finally, mobile phones must be switched off before entering the building and kept in a school bag during the day.

Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely summer break.

Yours sincerely

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