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Dear Parents/Carer,

As we reach the end of term, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for your support this year in sending your child/ren to school in the correct uniform, dress code and appearance. This really makes a difference as it ensures we can focus our conversations on learning rather than spending time on challenging incorrect uniform.

An area we would like to clarify is around trousers and skirts. The school policy states:

“Plain black trousers (**no jeans, leggings, chinos or tracksuit bottoms**) of a regular, tailored or bootcut (not skinny fit or stretchy material), or a plain black box-pleat or pleated skirt (**not stretchy or skin-tight material**) to be worn below the midpoint of the thigh”.

Additionally, school shoes should be:

“Plain black leather (or leather effect) polishable school shoes, that fasten (laces, buckle or Velcro) with a low heel (maximum 1”). No boots, canvas shoes, slip-on **shoes or trainers with logos or branding are to be worn (e.g. a Nike tick or Addidas 3 stripes)**”.

Please can you ensure that any shoes, skirts and trousers purchased for school adhere to the above points.

With the summer holidays fast approaching and the ‘back to school’ promotions already in the shops, it seems an ideal time to remind you of our uniform expectations to avoid any awkward conversations at the start of the new academic year. Students are required to wear a school polo shirt and jumper and have the option of additionally wearing a school fleece. All required branded uniform, school polo shirt, jumper, fleece and PE tops can be purchased from:

School shop direct

5 Henley Way
Shrewsbury
SY1 4NP

Or online at www.schoolshopdirect.co.uk

All other uniform can be purchased from any high street or online retailer but must conform to our uniform policy. To avoid doubt and support you in deciding whether items of clothing are suitable or not, we have provided the attached shopping guide, showing acceptable uniform. **Please use this for reference when purchasing uniform items for your child.**

Please do note that we will be strictly enforcing the uniform policy when we return after the summer, with zero tolerance of infringements. In taking this approach, we are seeking your support, not looking to create barriers or conflict. Where pupils arrive in incorrect uniform or appearance, you will be informed so that you can support us in rectifying any issues if they arise.

If you are unsure whether a piece of uniform is acceptable or if there are any extenuating circumstances, which mean you are unable to meet the uniform requirements, please consult your child's Head of Year before sending your child to school:

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As a reminder, students should **not** be returning to school with **extreme haircuts** (including skin fades) or un-natural hair colours. **False nails, false eye lashes and nail polish** are not permitted and should be removed before attending school. Students are allowed a single pair of stud earrings, and any nose piercings must have a clear retainer, please do not have new piercings before returning where you are unable to wear a retainer. No other jewellery apart for a watch (non-smart) is allowed. **Hoodies and sweatshirts** are not part of our school uniform and should not be worn in school.

The school uniform policy can be found [here](#).

Finally, if you have any uniform that your child has outgrown, we would be happy to receive this and ensure that it is made available for other students. Please bring any uniform items that are no longer required to school reception.

Thank you for your support in ensuring your child is dressed correctly for school, we trust that the enclosed guidance makes things much clearer for everyone.

Yours sincerely,

Mr M Longhurst	Mrs G Kirkby	Ms Y Gajny	Mr A Elkins
Assistant Headteacher	HoY 7	HoY 8/10	HoY 9/11

Uniform guidance when shopping:

The uniform policy is available on the website for further reference, but please see the additional guidance below to help you when purchasing items of uniform:

School polo and Jumper (and optional fleece):



Skirts – standard black pleat or box pleat skirt. To be worn below the mid-point of the thigh.



Straight pencil skirts or skirts made from stretchy material are not permitted.

Trousers – should be formal, plain black, full length and either regular, tailored or bootcut style.



Jeans, tracksuit bottoms, cropped trousers, chinos, leggings, or skinny fit trousers are not permitted.

Shorts – Black tailored shorts to the knee (no external pockets)



Shoes – plain black **polishable** leather or simulated leather, with fastening, low heel no branding or logo



No boots, canvas shoes or trainers or shoes with branding or a logo.

PLEASE DO NOT PURCHASE THE BELOW.



School coats – Black or Navy school coat (not to be worn inside the school building).



Hoodies should not be worn on the school site.

School bags should be a backpack style that can be carried on two shoulders, not a shoulder or handbag.

