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Uniform Expectations

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to remind parents that students must be in full school uniform on the way to school, while at school, and on the way home from school. Please check your child every morning to make sure they are in full school uniform before they leave home. Any student whose uniform is incorrect may be sent home to correct it, or will be asked to wear uniform or shoes which are held in school for communal use. Students may also face a sanction at the end of the school day.

Please take a few minutes to check the School Uniform page on our website; it can be found [HERE](#). Wearing a school uniform is one thing, but looking smart and presentable in a school uniform is something else. Our expectations are that shirts are always tucked in, ties are knotted at the top button of a shirt and ties are long enough to reach the trouser/skirt waistline. Skirts must be knee length. Students must always wear their blazers unless they have permission to remove them. We expect our students to be proud of their uniform and proud to be ambassadors of our school.

A reminder that the following items **ARE NOT** permitted under any circumstances. These items will be confiscated. Please note that parents/carers will be invited to collect them from the school.

- Hoodies/sportswear e.g. tracksuit tops
- Baseball caps
- False/individual eyelashes
- Make-up e.g. mascara, lipstick, eye-liner
- Piercings (except for a single small stud or ring in each ear)
- Jewellery e.g. rings, chains, fashion bracelets
- False nails
- Nail varnish (other than natural)
- Branded trainers (including black trainers). Only black leather polishable shoes are permissible.
- Black Hijabs (hijabs must be grey)
- Boots (unless they are prescribed shoes)
- Hair colouring (other than the natural hair colour of your child)
- Extensions that are not the natural hair colour of your child's hair
- Headphones (including airpods)

If parents/carers have a concern about school uniform or have been unable to purchase new items of clothing for the start of the summer term, please contact your Pastoral Manager. Students must have a written, signed and dated note from parents if they are out of uniform as they will be repeatedly challenged about non-uniform items by members of staff.

Until recently we have allowed students to bring any type of mobile phone to school as long as it is switched off and in their bag. Regrettably, we have found that some students find it too tempting to resist using smartphones in school if they have them in their possession. Smartphones are distracting to children and lead to a loss of concentration and sustained focus. Important learning time is lost and bad habits develop. Consequently, from September 2022, smartphones (phones with internet access) will be banned. Any smartphone brought to school from September 2022 will be confiscated and parents/carers will be invited to collect it. Students will be allowed to bring basic (telephone and text only) phones to school, provided they are switched off and in your child's bag.

We want all our students to take pride in their appearance and present themselves and the school in the best possible light to our community. Thank you for your support in helping us achieve this objective by ensuring you have purchased the correct uniform, including shoes, and you have ensured that your child does not leave home in possession of, or displaying, any of the non-permitted items listed above.

Yours sincerely,



Mr G McKenna
Headteacher