



19 June 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will be aware we consistently monitor uniform and standards and check that all students are adhering to our [Uniform Policy](#) which has not changed since 2019 and which forms part of the home school agreement.

We believe that our uniform plays a valuable role in contributing to the positive ethos of our academy, setting an appropriate tone and contributing towards the culture we want for our students.

- It enables students to wear clothes appropriate for working in a safe and aspiring environment.
- It clearly signals our high expectation of students and our strong work ethic, instilling pride in the school.
- It protects children from social pressures to dress in a particular way, nurturing cohesion and promoting good relations between different groups of students.
- It helps students to prepare for their futures in the world of work, where dress codes are usually expected.
- Our uniform is used to identify us in the local community and the students wearing it reflect our values and beliefs.

It has been brought to our attention that a number of students are wearing skater skirts and not the pleated one as per our Uniform Policy and as such we would ask that this is corrected immediately, before sanctions are applied.

As you will be aware all students are also permitted to wear black trousers or tailored shorts should they want an alternative.

Our uniform is non-negotiable and sets the tone for the expectations we have across our campus. Our policy is in line with other local schools and many schools nationally too. As parents/carers you agreed to this policy on enrolling your child at BGLC and we would value your support in ensuring our standards are kept. We know that it may be difficult to get a replacement immediately so plan to allow until the 24th June to resolve the issue, at which point these checks will be conducted again.

We are acutely aware that many students and parents have diverse views on uniform and what should and should not be permitted, with over 1400 students on site will rarely reach a consensus, therefore a clear line has to be drawn somewhere and this is what our policy reflects.

Evidence shows where standards are high, school culture is strong and progress is greater. It also leads to a calmer, more orderly and safer environment for all our students and it is therefore important that we get it right on our campus.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher