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## Uniform Standards and Expectations – September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

In July 2022 and August 2022, we wrote to all parents/carers regarding our uniform requirements for the 2022-23 academic year. Those requirements are:

### Shirebrook Academy Uniform

Full academy uniform should be worn by students returning from Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September. Shirebrook's school uniform can be purchased from the Schoolwear Centre in Mansfield Town during the school break and a copy of our revised uniform policy for 2022-23 has been included with this letter. A link to order uniform can also be found on our website under Parents: Shirebrook Academy Uniform. Please note that students are **not permitted** to wear any type of trainers, sandals, open-toed, backless or canvas shoes. In cooler months, students can wear a plain black V-neck jumper. Students should wear tailored black trousers or a skirt.

Changes have been made to what is permitted in relation to piercings, with students able to wear a pair of plain studs in their ears. **Nose, tongue and other piercings are not permitted from 2022-23** and we are asking that parents/carers work with us to ensure that students new to the academy do not have these piercings. Where children may already have a piercing that is not permitted, please ensure that no further piercing takes place during your child's time at the academy. All uniform policy revisions have been agreed by Shirebrook Academy's Local Governing Body.

Excellent learning begins with positive behaviour and attitudes and uniform is a key part of this. It is important that students wear their uniform with pride and value the collective sense of belonging it affords and the academy values it upholds. Wearing uniform is also an important aspect of safeguarding as Shirebrook Academy students can be easily identified on their journeys to and from school.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank parents/carers that have worked with us to ensure that their child/ren are wearing correct uniform and meeting the high standards and expectations set for them. The vast majority of our students are meeting our uniform standards and it is wonderful to see them taking pride and showing respect for our academy and rules.

Where students are not wearing the correct uniform, we are asking that parents/carers work with us to ensure that they do so by **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2022**. Any students not in

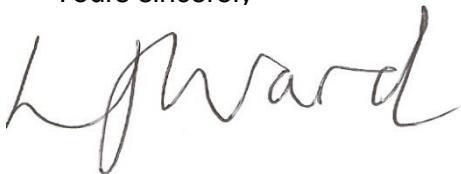
correct uniform at this time will be receiving further communication with home and parents/carers will be invited into the academy to speak with us. We will not accept any students attending our academy not wearing the correct uniform because we want the best for all of our children and therefore have the highest standards and expectations of them. Our shared ethos and values include:

1. We always allow ourselves and others to learn.
2. We show respect towards everyone and our academy rules.
3. We value everybody's contribution in our academy.
4. We keep everyone safe.

In order for all of our children to achieve their best it is important that they are valuing our academy standards and expectations.

If you have any questions regarding Shirebrook Academy's Uniform Policy, please don't hesitate to contact us. Our Uniform Policy can be found on our website under the 'Parents' tab; Shirebrook Academy Uniform.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L Ward". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mrs Lindsay Ward  
Vice Principal