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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to inform you of changes relating to the ACET Shirebrook Academy Uniform policy.

As you are aware, we expect all students to adhere to our Uniform policy at all times; having a uniform creates a sense of identity amongst our students and demonstrates a student's pride in being a Shirebrook Academy student.

Shirebrook Academy uniform consists of:

- Blazer with Shirebrook Academy logo
- Black trousers (no tracksuit bottoms) or skirt (must be knee length)
- White blouse or shirt
- Black v-neck jumper (hoodies are not permitted) - NO logo
- Black shoes- NO logo
- Shirebrook Academy tie

In addition to this, jewellery is limited to a wrist watch, flat signet ring, devotional jewellery, studs or small sleeper earrings. Nail length should be short and, if painted, should be neutral in colour. Makeup should be minimal and students are not allowed to wear false eyelashes and hair should be a natural colour.

In order to ensure that there are high standards in uniform across the ACET Trust, Governors have outlined the following sanctions that will be in place from **Monday 9th January 2023**.

1. If a student is not following the uniform policy, they will be given an agreed time frame to rectify the issue
2. If the issue continues, students will be placed in Internal Seclusion until the uniform issue is corrected
3. If the student continues to refuse to follow the policy, then this could lead to a suspension
4. A student could be permanently excluded if they persistently refuse to follow the academy uniform policy

From Monday 9th January 2023, students will be expected to be in full academy uniform. This will be monitored by Form tutors, Pastoral Leaders, Heads of Year and the Leadership team and sanctions put in place as outlined above.

In order to ensure uniform standards are improved prior to the Christmas holidays, Pastoral Leaders and Heads of Year will be contacting parents of students not in correct uniform over the next few weeks to discuss uniform issues in detail.

If you do need to purchase specific Shirebrook Academy uniform, it can be purchased at the **Schoolwear Centre in Mansfield Town Centre or www.schoolwearsolutions.com**.

We also stock good quality second hand uniform at Shirebrook Academy reception and will be holding a second hand uniform sale on Thursday 8th December 2pm in the Theatre. Any donations of unwanted white shirts/blouses/old blazers/black trousers/black knee length skirts and PE uniform much appreciated. These need handing into Reception by Wednesday 7th December.

Additionally, the academy does have several services which can support families who may have difficulty in purchasing and providing Shirebrook Academy uniform. If you feel you need support in purchasing uniform, please contact your child's Head of Year or Pastoral Leader. If there are any extenuating circumstances, which mean you are unable to meet the uniform requirements by Monday 9th January 2023 please email: enquiries@shirebrookacademy.org.

Thanks for your support with this - it is important that we have high standards of uniform across Shirebrook Academy and that students have a sense of belonging and pride in attending the academy.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "L Ward". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'L'.

Mrs Lindsay Ward
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Behaviour, Attendance and Student Welfare