



6 March 2023

Dear Parents/carers,

Re: School uniform

Firstly, I'd like to thank parents for their support in ensuring that students arrive at school in the correct uniform and with the correct equipment at the start of this new half term. I'm pleased that the vast majority of our students adhere perfectly to the uniform guidance, but it is our intention that this is the case 100% of the time and we are very grateful to you in supporting us in helping us maintain our high standards.

The rationale for insisting on this is very simple. Uniform is designed to ensure that there is no difference between students whilst they are in school. Our uniform is straightforward, but we insist that uniform is worn smartly; we believe that it is important in setting the appropriate tone for learning, and as ambassadors for the school, our students' attire has to be viewed positively.

Very occasionally, parents have suggested that we should be concentrating on other things; I would prefer that we didn't have to have conversations about how students dress (and in what), but if they choose to ignore the school rules, then this needs to be picked up. In particular I'd ask that parents can check the following are correct:

- Polo shirts – all students should wear a polo shirt. If they wish to, they can wear the school jumper over the top of this. However, students are not permitted to wear a jumper instead of a polo shirt.
- Leggings – leggings are not part of school uniform and are not permitted.
- Nails – nail varnish is not permitted; neither are acrylic nails

A reminder that our full uniform requirements can be found on our website.

During the next two weeks, all students will be reminded of our expectations, which are easy to follow. Any student not following these rules will be reminded of what they should and shouldn't be wearing. From Monday 20 March, any student seen with nail varnish will be sent to Student Services/Pastoral office to have it removed; and students wearing incorrect uniform will be provided with clean uniform to borrow for the day if parents/carers are not able to bring the correct uniform into school.

As always, if there are any issues in terms of accessing the correct items for whatever reason, for example personal finance, then please contact the relevant Year Head and we can look at how we might sort the problem together.

Thank you for your support.

Sadie Batstone
Principal

