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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of another busy year, I want to take the opportunity to give parents and carers advance notice of our uniform expectations for September and to highlight some new information.

As a school, we have extremely high expectations in relation to all aspects of school life, including the wearing of school uniform. It gives pupils a sense of belonging and encourages them to take pride in their personal appearance, as they approach each new day of learning with the right mindset. We ask for your full support in ensuring that your child wears correct uniform at all times. From September, uniform will be checked daily and pupils who are not wearing the correct school uniform will receive a 30-minute detention.

It is important that staff are not wasting valuable teaching and learning time dealing with issues relating to uniform. To support this, we ask you to check the Uniform Policy before buying items and to ensure that your son/daughter is wearing the correct uniform each day. Additional photographs have been added to the Uniform Policy this year, so parents/carers can be clearer about what styles are/are not permitted.

Some important reminders:

- Blazers are a compulsory part of school uniform. They must not be replaced with an alternative outer layer/jacket.
- Plain black, polishable footwear with no other colours or coloured logos. Branding and stitching must be black. Please see images in the links below for further clarification.
- Leggings are not part of school uniform; formal school trousers or school skirts must be worn instead. See below for further information.
- Tube skirts/elasticated skirts are not acceptable. School skirts must be knee length.

New for September (additions are highlighted for your convenience):

- Plain black or grey, **tailored, full length** school trousers. **Please see the images for further clarification.**
- Pupils should not wear **'skinny' trousers**, jeans, jeggings, leggings or **sports leggings**: they are not appropriate for school. If a pupil is wearing any of these items, appropriate sanctions will be put in place and parents/carers will be contacted, so the issue can be rectified quickly.
- Piercings, of any kind, **including transparent piercing retainers**, are not allowed in school. Please note that pupils will not be allowed to cover piercings with an Elastoplast or any form of sticky tape. They must be removed, or sanctions will be put in place.

I would also like to take this opportunity to point out that our basic equipment requirements have been updated too. The main changes are detailed below:

- KS3 pupils are now required to bring a reading book to school every day (or they can sign one out of the library, if required; however, books must be returned as per library policy.)



- All pupils should bring a school bag with them **every day**. It must be big enough to carry an A4 folder, exercise books, and their PE kit.
- Pupils are **no longer** advised to bring a compass with them. They should be left at home.

For further information, please click on the links below:

Equipment list for 2022-2023 can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3IC2m2Y>

Uniform Policy for 2022-2023 can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3z4FCWg>

Finally, we would like to give parents and carers the opportunity to exchange pre-loved uniform, in line with government recommendations. With this in mind, we ask that you consider handing in any uniform that no longer fits your child. Please note, we can only accept uniform that is in good condition and that has been freshly laundered.

Pre-loved Uniform Exchange

Please hand in any pre-loved (and freshly laundered) uniform to the main office by:

- 10:30am by Monday 25 July 2022.

Come and take a look at the items we have available to you between:

- Tuesday 26 and Thursday 28 July 2022 (10:00am – 12:00noon)

I thank you all for the ongoing support you give to school and hope you have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Yours sincerely

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Assistant Head Teacher