



Improving Uniform Standards for Enhanced Safety and Equality

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Dear Parents/Carers,

If you have been keeping up with our developments on social media or via the information sent home, you will know we are preparing for all students to arrive in September 2023 in full uniform.

Our recent Ofsted inspection (May 2023) has highlighted the improvements we have already made in keeping children safe but we know that uniform plays a huge part in this. To instantly identify our students, they must be in full uniform. These standards must be the same for all to ensure fairness and equity. **From 5th September 2023** all students must follow the basic uniform standards set out below. If they arrive without these items, or in different items, they will have two options:

1. They can wear an item from our uniform stock in return for an item that will ensure the school stock is returned. **Or,**
2. They will be sent home and asked to correct their uniform with the support of parents and carers and then make their way back to school

Students will enter school through a very different entrance in September, there will have been building work over the Summer and we will have stocks of uniform on the entrance to school. All senior leaders and pastoral staff will challenge any items that do not meet the standards below. If a student has any type of medical reason for wearing non-uniform items, they will be given a lanyard so that they are not challenged on corridors.

My communications will continue to be about how uniform fosters a positive environment, promotes equality, discipline, and focus. We urgently need the support of all parents and carers to ensure our standards continue to improve and we can serve the local community as a safe and thriving school. We will also have a "Pre-loved" uniform stock if you require any support in accessing items of uniform. Donations from parents are always appreciated at this time of year. Please drop them off at reception.

All students **MUST** have:

- ✓ A bottle green blazer with school badge
- ✓ A white shirt tucked into trousers or a skirt
- ✓ A school tie

Boys must wear black formal trousers and plain black leather shoes.

Girls in Years 7-10 must wear a green, tartan skirt. Year 11 girls must wear a bottle green, box pleated skirt or black tailored trousers. Plain black ankle socks and plain black leather shoes only please.

Neutral make-up and no visible jewellery other than plain stud earrings are allowed.

Your support is crucial. Please contact us with any questions or suggestions. We have tailored our communications to give you plenty of time to replenish uniform supplies and to purchase the correct items. This will continue to be a major theme throughout the Summer term.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Headteacher

