



29<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Re: Uniform

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been so lovely in school to enjoy the spring weather and the slightly warmer days. Students have embraced the sun and with the warmth some have taken to removing their blazers or indeed not bringing their blazers to school. We are not in a heatwave as yet!

Can we remind all students that blazers are a compulsory part of the uniform. Students are permitted to not wear their blazers at break and lunchtimes. We also recognise that in the summer some of our classrooms are really hot, staff are asked to use their professional judgement regarding blazers, ties and jumpers. This has always been the case. It will only be on very hot days that this will be relaxed, and this will be at the discretion of Ms Thomson. She has already advised the staff that students should be allowed to remove their blazers in the classroom if it is warm.

As we are now into the summer term, we operate a fair policy and students wearing skirts are not required to wear tights, black or grey ankle socks should be worn. If a student chooses to continue to wear tights this is of course acceptable, but socks of any colour should not be worn over the tights.

It goes without saying that skirts should not be folded over at the top and should be of a *modest length*. We would ask you to speak to your young people about this at home. We are concerned that some students must be continually reminded about how to wear their skirt correctly. In certain circumstances this has presented as a difficult safeguarding situation whereby students' underwear has been visible. This has been commented by visitors to the school and other professionals. This is not acceptable. If there is no improvement, we may need to go back to enforcing the wearing of tights or trousers during this term.

The uniform policy is also very clear with regards to jewellery, false eyelashes and nails in school. False eyelashes are not allowed, and any nail varnish should be clear, not acrylic, French or gel. Jewellery is restricted to one pair of simple *stud* earrings. We would again ask parents to support these expectations by talking about this at home before piercings occur or lashes and nails are applied.

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We do expect students to comply with the uniform requirements and we reserve the right to confiscate items of jewellery as is our policy. Continued failure to follow the uniform policy will be considered continued defiance and treated as such.

If and when a prolonged heat wave materialises, please trust us to make decisions about temporary adaptations to the uniform.

Yours sincerely,

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