

11 March 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

As we begin the final two weeks of this half term, I felt it important to communicate to you another reminder, following my last letter dated 21 January 2024, to all parents and students of our school's dress code policy.

Whilst improvements have been seen since my last communication, I would like to highlight specific aspects of our dress code that I believe are still below our expected standard and require your support:

1. **Tight trousers:** Please be reminded that school trousers should not be tight-fitting. This guideline is in place to ensure that students maintain a respectful and modest appearance, contributing to the overall professional atmosphere of our school. Only 'tailored' or 'slim' trousers will be allowed to be worn. Please see the pictures below for further guidance.



2. **Skirt Length:** Determining the appropriate skirt length for students is a matter of maintaining both professionalism and comfort while ensuring a conducive learning environment. The skirt length should be modest enough to uphold the school's standards while also allowing students to move freely and comfortably throughout their day. Typically, a good guideline is for skirts to fall no shorter than a few inches above the knee. This length provides coverage while still allowing for ease of movement. However, it's important that we consider variations in body types and personal preferences. Ultimately, the goal is to create a dress code that promotes respect, inclusivity, and a positive academic atmosphere.
3. **Prohibited Items:** In addition, students are not permitted to wear hoodies, sweatshirts or trainers on the school premises. These items have been identified as potential distractions and may impede the uniformity and professionalism we strive to instil in our students.
4. **School Blazer:** School blazers are a mandatory item and must be worn at all times. Blazers serve as a symbol of our school's identity and ethos, fostering a sense of belonging and cohesion among our students.

We appreciate your support and cooperation in reinforcing these guidelines with your child. Consistency in dress code adherence contributes significantly to the overall positive atmosphere within the school. With this in mind, we understand the challenges that come with maintaining a perfectly fitted uniform, especially considering the natural growth spurts that children undergo and recognise that this may occasionally lead to uniforms not being worn as neatly or correctly as intended and therefore ample time given to correct issues. **As such, please can you ensure that your child returns following the Easter holiday with correct uniform.**

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the dress code policy, please do not hesitate to contact the school, asking for your child's form tutor in the first instance. We value open communication and are here to address any queries you may have.

Thank you for your commitment to ensuring that our school maintains high standards of appearance and behaviour. Your support in upholding these standards is crucial in maintaining a positive and focused learning environment for all students.

Yours sincerely

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