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Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Christmas Jumpers on Friday 22 December 2023 & Uniform from January 2024

I do hope you are fit and well and managing your child's excitement as the festive cheer builds.

We are aiming to keep routines in school as normal as possible next week but will be celebrating on **Friday 22 December 2023** where students have permission to wear Christmas jumpers or a shirt and Christmas tie, Santa hats and/or headbands. School trousers or skirts will still be worn, but the blazer, tie and shirts can be replaced with a festive jumper or t-shirt. Where a student prefers not to wear festive clothing, they will be expected to wear full school uniform.

Lunch time on Friday will be earlier at 12:30 until 13:30 as we are holding a Christmas Extravaganza in the afternoon, where students will have a session in the hall in their year groups listening to our musicians led by Mr Brough, and time with tutors taking part in Christmas activities.

Returning to School on 8 January 2024

Without wanting to wish away the Christmas break, we will be returning to school on **Monday 8th January 2024** where all students will be greeted and welcomed back by their form tutors promptly at 08:50.

Uniform Update

As you are aware from the last Newsletter, we asked students, staff and parents for feedback on the current Uniform Policy. The responses have been collated and a revised uniform policy was presented to the Governing Body on 12 December 2023, which was unanimously approved. The main change to the policy relates to the skirt, which will be a black, pleated, knee length skirt. **This change will take place from 1 September 2024.** I will issue the new policy in January 2024.

Uniform from January 2024

Many of our students are now wearing the school uniform in accordance with our policy and are upholding our high expectations and representing your community school beautifully. There are a small number of students who choose to breach the standards and all staff will be acting on this by awarding behaviour points and a break time reflection. Your support in upholding our standards is greatly appreciated, and so I want to give some gentle reminders about the main infringements that we witness, so that you can work with us to ensure your child is meeting our expectations:

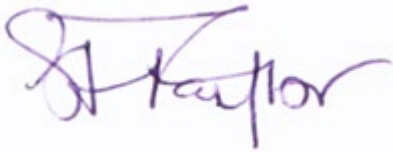
- **False eye lashes and false nails** are NOT permitted, so please ensure if students wear these during the festive period they are removed by 07 January 2024.
- **A skirt length** needs to reach the end of the fingertips of the student. Skirts will be given to students by the school where they continue to breach this.
- **Black tights** are to be worn with skirts. **Socks are NOT to be worn over tights.**
- **Facial Piercings** are not permitted. If a nose piercing already exists, a clear stud **MUST** be worn. If a clear stud is not in place, the student will be asked to remove it. If the student refuses, a sanction will

be issued for refusal. If your child does not have a clear stud, please ensure this is in place by 07 January 2024. If your child asks for a nose piercing, please do not permit it, as nose studs are not part of the new uniform policy.

- **Hair colour** is to be natural with no extreme colours. If students are colouring their hair, only natural colours are permitted.

We will issue our second Newsletter for this academic year next week. Have a great weekend and thank you for working in excellent partnership with us.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read 'S Taylor', is positioned above the typed name.

Mrs S Taylor
Headteacher