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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: School Uniform and Equipment for September 2024

Please find attached our updated Uniform Policy, which will be effective from September 2024.

Do take the time to read it thoroughly as there are changes. I have been communicating with parents and carers this academic year about the changes and I wanted to take this opportunity to remind you, as I am aware you will be purchasing uniform ready for the new academic year.

Skirt and Trousers

The main change is the school skirt, which will now be black, knee length and pleated with a top panel. Lycra bodycon, straight, pencil skirts are no longer permitted. Lycra trousers and leggings are also not permitted. To assist parents and carers, we have added photographs of styles that are suitable to our Uniform Policy.

Piercings

In January 2024 we issued a letter requesting that any students with a nose piercing should wear a clear nose stud for school. This was because we understood the previous policy allowed nose piercings and we wanted to give students and parents time to transition to the new policy because there were some students who had recently had piercings, meaning if they removed them they would heal, and allowing a plastic stud to be worn meant this wouldn't happen. We requested that students **should not get a new piercing**, as it was against the new school policy. However, we have had instances since issuing the guidance where students have had new piercings and expected to wear a nose stud, which leads to conflict and upset when they are asked to remove it. This also causes angst for parents because students are being sanctioned for rudeness and defiance. Piercings are a health and safety risk in practical subjects and need to be removed, therefore, it makes sense that facial piercings are not allowed in the policy.

From September 2024 no exceptions will be made, and we will be upholding the school policy of **no piercings (including plastic), other than 2 in the lobule of the ear**. Students will be requested to remove any facial piercings (eyebrows, lips, etc), nose and septum piercings, and any additional earrings for the duration of the school day.

House T-Shirts

This year the House t-shirts will be available to buy directly from our supplier, Happy Dog Image Solutions. The website is currently being updated and should be ready in a few weeks. We will contact you again to let you know when the House t-shirts are available on their website.

School Equipment

All students must have the following equipment every day for school to ensure they are ready to learn:

- Pencil case
- Two black pens
- 2 pencils
- Highlighter
- Ruler
- Compass
- Scientific calculator (Casio fx-83GTCW-W)
- School bag

From September, we are hoping to have a stationary shop available from our school reception for students to purchase any equipment during the academic year.

I know how difficult it can be purchasing uniform when your child may suggest that a certain style is suitable, only to find that it isn't when they begin school in September, so if you are in doubt or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us as we will be more than happy to help.

Yours faithfully



Mrs S Taylor
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