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Dear Parents,

We would like to thank all of those families who support the school in implementing all of our policies. Uniform is an area where we appreciate parents have needed greater clarity and guidance. The vast majority of our students wear the correct uniform every day. In order to make sure we are being fair, it is important we ensure that every student follows the rules and so we are asking for your support in ensuring the rules apply to everyone and we treat all students fairly. Our expectations on uniform are outlined below:

Shoes: must be BLACK in a sensible style. Plain simple black canvas shoes are allowed. Boots, sandals or open shoes/open-backs are NOT allowed. High heels are not sensible for school. Trainers ARE NOT ALLOWED.

What this means is that only plain black leather or leather type shoes or plain black canvas shoes are allowed. No branded trainers of any sort (Nike, Adidas, Lonsdale, Converse, Puma etc) are allowed. We understand that some black canvas shoes have a branded name on them. For this year, we will allow black canvas shoes with a small brand label on them. If you are having problems finding your child some appropriate shoes, we have some plain black canvas shoes we can lend them to wear during the day. We can also provide an interest free loan in order to help parents buy an appropriate pair of shoes. If you would like to take us up on any of these options, please get in touch with me.

Skirt or Trousers: Black in a plain style suitable for school activities – available from our online supplier or can be purchased from a High Street store selling uniform. Skirts must be approximately knee length, not figure hugging and suitable for a working environment. Trousers must be ankle length and a suitable style (***No jeans, jean style, leisure style, combat style trousers with external pockets and/or stud fastenings or hipsters***). *Tracksuit trousers are not acceptable.*

We have a small number of students wearing jeans, jean-style trousers or leggings. These are clearly not acceptable. Can you please make sure that your child has an appropriate pair of trousers for the start of next term. Again, if you need financial help in the form of an interest free loan, please feel free to contact me to arrange this.

We will be enforcing the uniform policy at the start of next term and your child will be spoken to on the gate in the morning if they do not have a correct piece of uniform. If it is an issue of needing a bit more time to sort something out, please make sure your child has a note explaining when the uniform issue will be sorted out. We will be having a parents' working party in term 3 to discuss how we can improve communication over uniform policy in term 3 and we will be sending out invites for parents to join us in reviewing the wording of the policy. We will not be changing the uniform, we just want to provide greater clarity. Thank you in anticipation of your support.



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