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Dear Parent/Carer

Uniform Update - Request for Parental Support in Maintaining Uniform Standards

Since October half term students have been permitted, as a result of Covid measures, to wear outdoor coats inside the building. We are now in a position where guidance states all windows no longer have to be open all of the time and the temperature in school is such that outdoor coats are no longer required.

Therefore following the half term break we will be returning to our usual uniform policy as outlined below. Overall we are extremely pleased with the standard of uniform worn by our students and would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support. Full uniform information can be found on page 16 of our [Parent Handbook](#), however, we would like to clarify our policy regarding a number of persistent issues.

No outdoor wear, such as coats, hats, scarves to be worn inside the building. Blazers must be worn at all times around school but may be removed if warm during a lesson and placed on the back of the chair. School jumpers, not blazers, are an optional extra and should only be worn beneath the school blazer. If, on occasion, the temperature becomes uncomfortable in a classroom teachers will, of course, encourage students to wear their coats for that lesson, but this will no longer be standard policy.

Non school jumpers and hoodies should not be worn at any time. **Could parents please support by ensuring these items are not brought to school.**

Skirts must be an appropriate length and must not be rolled over at the waist. **Could parents please support us by ensuring that students leave the house dressed appropriately for school and that skirts are worn at standard length and not adapted.**

Footwear should be plain black low heeled polishable and suitable for school. **Could parents please support us by ensuring that their child leaves for school each morning in appropriate footwear and that if school shoes are damaged or broken that they are replaced immediately.**

Hair colour and make up must be natural looking only. Watches are permitted, but rings, bracelets or necklaces are not. One earring per lobe – small and plain sleeper or stud.

Facial jewellery or retainers are not permitted. Nails must be natural colour only and fake nails are not to be worn. **Could parents please support us by ensuring that their child does not come to school with false nails or acrylics, that they do not get any facial piercings or dye their hair non standard colours.**

If a student arrives at school in the incorrect uniform, they must rectify this before they enter the tutor room. Where the uniform cannot be corrected immediately (i.e. trainers, skirt etc.) students should go to the Student Support Area to borrow before 8.50am so that they are not late to the tutor period at 8.50am. If there is no uniform to borrow then the student will be given one day's grace. After this time, or where there is no parental explanation, students will be placed into the isolation until rectified. A doctor's note **must** be provided where, for medical reasons, students cannot wear school shoes.

Please note that uniforms can be ordered via <http://emblematic.co.uk> or bought directly from the Morpeth shop open Wednesday to Saturday 9.00-5.00pm. If you are experiencing any financial difficulties in purchasing a uniform then we may be able to support you with this so please contact us immediately rather than allowing your child to attend without the correct uniform.

Students attending school in incorrect uniform can cause unnecessary conflict, distracting from our focus on learning. **Can we please ask for your support in ensuring that you check your child's uniform daily and ensure that they attend fully equipped for the day.**

Thank you to those parents who have responded to our uniform consultation. Following feedback from parents, students and staff an updated policy for September 2022 will be shared early next half term for final consultation.

Thank you once again for your continued support in working together to ensure the highest standards are maintained. Should you wish to discuss this further, please contact the Year Leader in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

Ms C Savage
Headteacher