



Friday, 13 January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

### **Uniform and general Rules**

Last winter right up to March/ April we were permitting warm over -jumpers, hoodies, coats and scarves in class as all windows and doors were open for increased ventilation due to COVID rules. We are very pleased to be past that period! Windows can be closed; the heating is on and therefore wearing our normal school uniform is now required. It is very important to bring all aspects of school back to our pre pandemic levels. We have reminded students of the uniform requirements including making it clear what is no longer permitted. We ask that parents and carers fully support us and your children in ensuring they represent themselves and the school well in wearing the correct uniform.

### **A brief reminder of School Uniform Requirements**

Years 7-11

Dark Charcoal Grey or black School Trousers

Charcoal Grey School skirts available from Hawkinsport.

White shirt - Top button done up.

School Tie with House stripe

School Blazer with badge

Black Socks

Black Opaque tights (40 denier)

In the summer term , students may wear white ankle socks with a skirt (form after May half term)

Underneath blazers a school v neck jumper with a school badge may be worn.

Shoes should be black leather or leather-look equivalent.

A plain, dark topcoat (one colour - black/ dark grey/ dark blue)

**We would like to clarify items which are not part of uniform** and will be confiscated if worn to school. They are a vestige of a COVID winter but now very clearly not permitted.

Hoodies, non-school jumpers/ tops, round-neck jumpers.

Socks worn over tights

White socks worn with trousers

Trainers or any non black leather/ leather-look shoes.

Jewellery, make-up and nails

Acrylic nails and nail varnish must not be worn; please do not buy false nails during term time

Anything other than discreet make-up for skin care should not be worn

Students may wear a single ear stud in each lobe; these need to be removed for physical activities.

## Health and Wellbeing

Cyclists should wear a helmet cycling to school to protect themselves.

Earbuds and headphones (unless granted permission) should not be worn around school.

Mobile Phones should be switched off and kept at the bottom of bags at all times during school hours. Any mobile phone seen or heard will be confiscated and taken to reception.

### **Mobile Phones**

We would like to expand on the rationale behind the protocol for mobile phones. Parents, students and staff are aware of the significant body of research now published on the negative impact of sustained access to mobile communication technology. Smartphones can be a great tool and resource in so many ways. However, young people need to have a complete break from social media, and cameras at least during the school day in order to concentrate on school work and have face to face communication. Please reinforce this message with your child to help us and them.

### **Confiscation**

Any mobile seen/ heard will be confiscated by a staff member.

Students may collect their phones from Reception between 3.30 p.m and 3.50p.m.

If a student has their phone confiscated more than twice in a single week the phone will remain in Reception until it is collected by a parent/ carer by 4.00 p.m.. Reception will email you to let you know.

**Access to phones:** Any student needing to use the phone in the school day to contact you can go to their Key Stage Office/ the Health Centre/ Reception and ask to use either the school phone or their own phone in a quiet space. They will always be supported in this.

Children who feel unwell always report to the Health Centre where Mrs Goodman, or one of our First Aiders will support them and call you as appropriate.

Yours faithfully,

Kay Mountfield  
Headteacher