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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are writing to remind families of the importance we place on school uniform, presentation, and readiness for learning. This communication is issued in line with our existing school uniform policy. No changes have been made to this policy; however, we wish to ensure that all students continue to adhere to the agreed expectations consistently.

A smart and consistent uniform is an important part of our school culture. It supports high expectations, helps to maintain a calm and focused learning environment, and ensures that all pupils are treated fairly and consistently. For this reason, all students are expected to attend school each day in full and correct uniform and to meet the school's agreed standards of appearance.

In addition, we have noticed that a small minority of students are arriving at school without their school bags and basic equipment. This does not support them in lessons or help them to develop good organisation and learning habits. Being fully equipped is a basic expectation and is essential in ensuring students are able to engage positively and effectively in their learning from the start of the school day.

Uniform, appearance, and readiness for learning are monitored regularly to ensure expectations are applied consistently across the school. Where concerns are identified, families will be contacted so that these can be addressed promptly. We value working in partnership with parents and carers to support students in meeting these expectations.

Common issues that have been identified include:
- Hair dyed outside of natural hair colours (for example, bright or non-natural shades)
- Incorrect footwear, including trainers or non-school shoes
- Non-school coats (school coats must be plain black or navy, with no emblems, logos, or symbols)
- Hoodies or double jackets
* No school blazers
* No tie
- Shirts not tucked in or fully buttoned, and school ties not worn at full length from the collar down
- Skirts worn significantly above the knee
- Trousers that are not formal grey (lycra or flared trousers are not permitted)
- Jewellery that exceeds what is permitted under the school's uniform policy
- False eyelashes or eyelash extensions
- Incorrect hosiery: students should wear one pair of plain black socks or black tights (with no emblems, logos, or symbols). Double socks or socks worn over tights are not permitted

Please note that where uniform, equipment, or appearance concerns are not resolved, students may be asked to correct the issue during the school day, provided with temporary uniform where available, or managed in line with the school's behaviour policy.

We ask that parents and carers work with us by checking that their child adheres to the school's uniform and equipment expectations before leaving home each morning. This helps ensure students have a positive start to their day and that basic expectations, such as uniform and preparedness, do not negatively impact their learning.
We recognise that some families may experience genuine difficulty in accessing uniform or equipment. If this applies to you, please contact your child's Year Leader in confidence so that we can consider what support may be available.

Thank you for your continued support in maintaining the high standards we expect for all members of our school community.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Rahman
Deputy Headteacher