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The Ripley Academy

Principal: Mrs C M Ayres

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly, may I take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support in ensuring your children have met the requirements of the uniform policy this year. We have been overwhelmed with the students' pride in their uniform and have received many positive comments and compliments from the local, and wider, communities regarding how smart and professional our students look.

With this in mind, I am writing to inform you that in our journey towards 'Achieving Excellence Together' we will be further raising standards of conduct and uniform from Monday 5th June 2017.

We will be insisting that, from the afore mentioned date, students will not be permitted to wear any kind of nail varnish or nail extensions, adornments or embellishments. Students will be required to remove nail varnish if worn to school. Any type of nail extension or gel nail varnish will require removal from a specialist, therefore I am writing to you in advance to allow time for this to take place over the half term prior to Monday 5th June 2017.

In addition, we will also be adding strength to the existing policy on mobile phone use. Students will no longer be allowed to use their phones on the school site at any time, this includes before and after the school day. Students will be able to use their phones once they have left the school site. Please be aware that this rule is in place for safeguarding reasons. Students using their mobile phones on the school site, including before 8.40am and after 3pm, will have their phone confiscated for parental collection only.

I am sure you will agree that some of the finer points of a student's conduct and appearance can go a long way towards achieving a shared pride in themselves and the school, and I would like to thank you in advance for your continued support with the education of your child.

Yours sincerely,

Miss J Scattergood
Vice Principal



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