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Dear Parent/Carer,

Uniform September 2018

Thank you for your continued support of the school and its policies. As well as enjoying a break with your child/children, parents and carers will no doubt be organising a visit to the shops in order to replace or source any items of school uniform including footwear. Before you embark on this, please could I take this opportunity to remind you of our school uniform policy which I have outlined below. Our intention is to avoid any unnecessary confrontations with your child not being dressed in accordance with uniform policy on our return in September.

Boys:

- School blazer * worn at all times
- White collared, short or long sleeved school shirt
- School tie*
- Black school trousers - **no jeans, no skinny cut, no low fitting styles allowed**
- Grey with red stripe v-necked jumper *(optional)
- Plain grey or black socks
- **Black school shoes (no trainers/plimsolls or canvas), flat with black soles and laces. The shoe must be completely black**

Girls:

- School blazer *worn at all times
- White collared, short or long sleeved shirt
- School tie *
- EITHER black full length school tailored fit trousers **No jeans, no skinny cut, no tight fit, no capri style, no culottes, no low fitting styles allowed** OR
- A black skirt. This must finish no higher than 5cm above the knee. **No tight fitting elastic or pencil style skirts**
- Grey with red stripe v-necked jumper *(optional)
- Plain grey or black socks with trousers
- Black opaque tights or black/grey knee high socks with the skirt option
- **Black school shoes, flat with black soles and laces (no trainers/plimsolls or canvas). The shoe must be completely black**

***These items are only available through our online uniform supplier Stevensons
(www.stevensons.co.uk)**

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Please also note we would prefer coats and bags to be in colours that are in line with the silver, grey and black theme of our uniform. However, this is not a compulsory element.

Jewellery of any description is not encouraged and is not practical for many reasons. One pair of small, plain stud or sleeper size earrings in each ear lobe and a watch are the only items allowed. Please note any items of jewellery must be removed before taking part in any PE activities. Nose studs, large dangly or hooped earrings, stretchers or any other types of piercing are not allowed and students will be asked to remove them.

Make up of any description is discouraged. Students will be required to remove any excessive make up. Nail varnish and false nails or extreme hairstyles or colours are not allowed.

In order to assist with this process, I will be checking the uniform of every student before we finish for our Summer term on Friday 20 July. Any student with items of clothing/shoes that are not in line with our uniform policy will be issued with a slip from Student Support Services. On the slip, the area of concern will be highlighted in order for this to be rectified before our return on Tuesday 4 September.

We are very proud of our school and our students and believe that high standards of uniform and behaviour, with all students being properly equipped and attending regularly, gives each and every one of our students the very best chance of learning well and achieving their very best.

Thank you all very much in advance of your anticipated support and understanding. I wish you an enjoyable summer break.

Yours faithfully,



Miss J Scattergood

Deputy Headteacher