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Dear parent or carer

School Uniform

Further to Mr Rodgers' communication last week, I would like to share with you our latest expectations and intentions regarding school and PE uniform.

Current School Uniform

As we enter the colder months of the year it is inevitable that our precautions aimed at reducing the risk of the transmission of COVID 19 will leave us with colder classrooms. Open windows and doors are very much going to be a fact of life in the next six months so we must look at how we can make our young people as comfortable as we can. Therefore, we suggest the following:

1. We would recommend that parents/carers purchase white vests or t-shirts for their children to wear underneath polo tops or white shirts. An alternative would be a white sports base layer, although these may be a little more expensive.
2. We would recommend that all students have a school jumper. These are not compulsory but may well be necessary in the coming months.
3. We will allow students to wear plain black, navy blue, or grey hoodies in class. A school hoodie would be the ideal and we would strongly recommend the purchase of this garment, available at affordable prices from Emblematic. Please follow this link for this product:
<https://emblematic.co.uk/schools/jcsc/jcsc-awd-jh001-nav/>

Hoodies of other colours and/or with large logos emblazoned across the chest, arms or back will not be permitted in the school building so, where present, logos should be small and discreet. As a rule of thumb, if the logo is larger than the school logo on the school hoodie then it is too large, so will not be accepted as an alternative. Please check with the relevant PSO for further guidance on this as hoodies that do not conform to these expectations will not be allowed to be worn inside the school building.

4. Coats may be permitted on particularly cold days in certain classrooms but this will be at the discretion of the teacher.

These changes will come into effect on **Monday 21 September 2020**. Please let us know if you require any support in meeting these expectations.

From the first day of term in January, the only hoodie that will be allowed to be worn in the school building will be an official school hoodie.

Can I also take this opportunity to remind parents/carers that nose piercings are not allowed in school, nor are legging and jeans as part of school uniform. There are no exceptions to this rule.

Future School Uniform

You will recall that I wrote to you before the summer break to inform you that we were suspending the need for a blazer and a tie. We will **NOT** be returning to the expectation of a school blazer or tie for the remainder of this academic year. If you wish to purchase a blazer and tie for your child then this is

acceptable but they will not be an expectation. We do plan to return to the wearing of school blazers and clip on ties for all children from September 2021.

We will be returning to the expectation of school shoes from the start of term in January 2021. As a reminder, our current expectation on footwear is that we recommend students wear shoes of a formal style, plain, polishable, and unbranded. For the first term of 2020-2021 we will accept **black** trainers (or trainer style shoes).

As of the start of January, we will expect all our students to be wearing black polishable school shoes of a formal style. No trainers or footwear with clear branding will be allowed. Therefore, Nike (eg Air Force 1s), Converse, Vans, TOMS, Stan Smiths will not be accepted along with black plimsoll style shoes, although this is not an exhaustive list. Again, please consult your child's PSO if you require any further guidance or support on footwear.

PE Uniform

Effective from Monday 21 September, we are widening and clarifying our PE uniform to ensure that our young people can come to school dressed in an appropriate manner for their lessons whilst retaining their modesty.

Please can we ask that on days they have PE students attend school in the following:

- A plain white t-shirt or polo shirt.
- Trainers (football boots can be brought to school and worn during activities such as cross country, football and rugby, however students will be informed if this is appropriate in advance by their teacher).
- Students can choose between plain navy or black sports shorts, tracksuit bottoms or leggings with no/small and discreet logo. If a student chooses to wear leggings then they must be sports leggings and navy or black shorts **must be worn on top**. This is to protect the modesty of all our students.
- A plain black, navy or grey hoodie with no/small and discreet logo may be worn during colder weather. Again, we would recommend the purchase of a school hoodie as these will continue to be part of our uniform from January.
- For health and safety reasons, no jewellery is accepted in any PE lesson and long hair must be tied back.
- Navy or white socks.

We are currently investigating having school branded PE kit and we will keep you informed of this exciting development when we have further information.

If you would like further clarification on the above please contact the school directly.

Yours faithfully

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