

Dear All,

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

### **Uniform Expectations**

Parental support is required to ensure that all pupils are well presented. The standard of dress is important because it sets the expectation for work and behaviour and projects a positive image of the school in the community. It is expected that all pupils will take responsibility for their personal hygiene and arrive dressed in a clean, tidy and respectable manner. We ask parents to support in the role of creating a sense of belonging to the school.

Over the last few weeks we have been working hard with the children and our families to improve the standards of uniform and presentation. Pupils have prep for learning cards to support them in being prepared for learning and to be responsible for taking pride in how they present themselves. With this in mind we have been carrying out regular uniform checks and have seen a rise in incorrect footwear, heavy make-up in KS3 including false lashes and unacceptable skirt lengths.

As per the policy make up should be discreet and skirts should be knee length. It is at the discretion of the school should we feel it is required for make-up to be removed or for skirts to be replaced.

Attached to this letter are some examples of acceptable school shoes in line with the school policy. I have also included a small sample of shoes/trainers that do not meet the policy requirements. Should you need any support in ensuring your child has the correct uniform please contact us via the main office and we are more than happy to work with you.

### **PE Kit Expectations**

As the weather is slowly getting warmer and sunnier, we wanted to take the opportunity to clarify expectations relating to PE kit and specifically relating to shorts.

#### **Suitable for PE, UBC or Dance**

- Tight black shorts – must be mid-thigh length. No Nike Pro shorts or dance type shorts.
- Baggy PE types shorts – due to the style they will probably be shorter than mid-thigh, however because they're baggy they are suitable and smart.
- Skorts – should not be clingy lycra type material and they must be mid-thigh length.

We would really appreciate your support on this and request that you provide uniform for your child based on their body shape and leg length. The length of shorts in school will be dealt with on a child by child basis; a pair of shorts that may be suitable for one child, may not be suitable for another.

Should a child come into school wearing shorts that are deemed too short they will be sent to the school office who will phone home for replacement shorts/leggings. Unfortunately, we do not have any spare kit to lend to children.

Please also be aware that any shorts/skorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms should not be overly branded. A discrete logo is fine but, for example, branding down the length of the leg would be unsuitable.

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**Suitable for PE, UBC or Dance**



**Unsuitable for PE, UBC or Dance**



**PE Footwear**

Please consider the type of trainers you are providing for your child. We are seeing an increasing number of children wearing footwear for PE that provide very little or no support for their feet. Trainers should be adequately cushioned with support for the ankle – these do not need to be expensive or branded and can be any colour.

**Sun hats, sun cream and water bottles**

We very much welcome children to wear appropriate sun hats and sun cream when the weather does eventually warm up. Additionally, water bottles are permitted to be taken outside, but children should ensure that they are full before the start of the lesson.

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### **Earrings**

The only instance where children are permitted to tape their earrings is when they have only just had their ears pierced – tape must be provided from home. Please ensure that your child knows how to take their earrings out for lessons and has somewhere to keep them safe (i.e. a small box/bag).

We thank you for continuing to support us to ensure your children are in the correct uniform.

Yours sincerely,

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