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Dear Parent/Carer,

As the summer holidays draw to a close, please accept this letter as a reminder regarding the expectations around school uniform, as outlined in the letter dated 24th July 2023.

School Uniform - If you are at all unsure about what our uniform is, please refer to our school website ([CLICK HERE](#)). We have found that the main item of uniform that causes parents most issues are suitable shoes. Only plain black, polishable shoes are acceptable footwear (no trainer type shoes please). We do appreciate that the cost of school uniform can be an expense for families. Please remember that you can talk to us in confidence if you require additional support to organise school uniform. You can use the contact us page ([CLICK HERE](#)) to speak to us about this.

Please note that jeans, leggings and track suit bottoms are not appropriate attire for school and pupils wearing such items will be asked to return home and change them into appropriate uniform. Pupils will be expected to return to school in full uniform the same day and will be marked as absent in the school register until they return.

Jewellery - Our uniform policy outlines that jewelry should not be worn by pupils. This includes earrings and other types of piercings. Pupils who come to school wearing jewelry, in September, will be asked to remove it. From September, any jewellery worn to the academy will be confiscated for the day. Jewellery will be placed in an envelope with the pupils' names and Tutor Group on the front and will be handed to Heads of Year for safe-keeping. You will be informed via ClassCharts. Pupils can collect the jewellery from their Head of Year at the end of each day.

Haircuts - We understand that young people will often get a different hair style / colour for the school holidays. We ask that where this is the case, pupils return to us in September with a hairstyle that is appropriate to school (see the uniform link above).

Nails - Pupils may have nail extensions or gel nails applied for the holidays; we ask that these are removed before pupils return to school.

We want our pupils and families to enjoy their summer break and have a well-earned rest. When September arrives, we want a positive start for all pupils. We want our pupils to take responsibility with their uniform to ensure that this happens.

Thank you in advance for your continued support. I hope you have had a safe and restful summer holiday, and we look forward to seeing all pupils safe and well in the academy on Wednesday 6th September. || _____

Yours faithfully,

Mr J Exley
Deputy Headteacher



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