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Dear Parent / Carer,

As the first three weeks of term draw to a close, please accept this letter as a reminder regarding the expectations around uniform and standards as outlined in the letters sent to you during the summer holidays.

School uniform - If you are at all unsure about the uniform expectations, please refer to our school website. We have found that the main item of uniform causing issues in the last two weeks is suitable shoes. Only plain black, polishable shoes are considered acceptable footwear. We appreciate that some retailers market soft, trainer type shoes as 'school shoes' but these do not meet our uniform expectations. Please remember that you can talk to us in confidence if you require additional support to organize acceptable uniform.

Leggings, black skirts, jeans and track suit bottoms are not accepted attire for school and pupils wearing them will be sanctioned according to school policy.

Jewellery - Our uniform policy clearly outlines that jewellery is not permitted in the Academy. This includes earrings and other piercings. Until Friday 22nd September, pupils with healing piercings will be allowed to wear clear plastic studs to keep the piercing open. From **Monday 25th September**, no pupils will be allowed to wear any type of jewellery, clear or not. Any jewellery worn to the academy will be confiscated for the day. Jewellery will be placed in an envelope with pupils' name 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 Heads of Year at the end of the day.

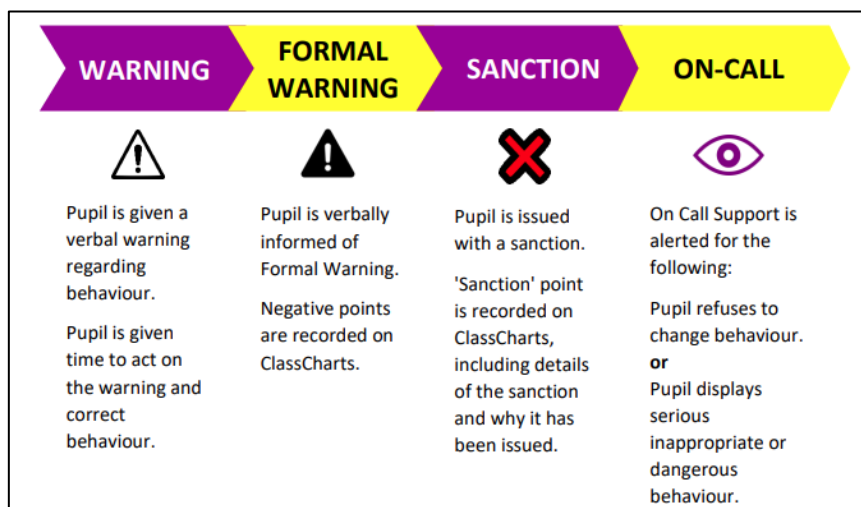
False eyelashes - Pupils found to be wearing false eyelashes will be asked to remove them. If they can be removed then they will be confiscated and placed in an envelope with pupils' name and tutor group on the front, and will be handed to Heads of Year for safe keeping. You will be informed via ClassCharts. Pupils can collect the eyelashes from Heads of Year at the end of the day. If the eyelashes can not be removed, the pupil will be isolated until the eyelashes are removed.

False nails - Pupils found to be wearing false nails, or nail varnish, will be asked to remove them. You will be informed via ClassCharts. Pupils will be isolated until the nails/nail varnish is removed.



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Classroom expectations - Clear and simple classroom routines coupled with quality first teaching is often enough to enable the majority of pupils to thrive in their education. For some pupils, meeting our high expectations can be challenging. In these cases, teachers will employ the four stage 'Classroom Management Ladder'



The application of the Classroom Management System will be consistently applied across the academy and pupils will be informed of what stage on the ladder they are on.

Thank you in advance for your continued support,

Yours Sincerely,



Mr. Exley

Deputy Headteacher



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