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Dear Parent/Carer

Uniform Standards

As it is the Summer break, it's a good time to remind everyone about the standards of uniform we expect at school.

As a school we are generally delighted with the standard of dress amongst our students. How students dress for school is an important part of how they behave and helps to set the right expectations and standards as a community. It also removes potential areas of conflict that could detract from learning.

Clear guidance remains on our website for you to refer to if you're in any doubt, but the uniform policy remains unchanged for September 2017.

The two main areas where students fall into difficulties with their uniform, are footwear and skirt length.

Shoes (or boots worn under trouser only) must be plain black leather style not canvas, in any sensible style with a maximum of 2cm heel. Footwear must not have coloured flashes in any part of the shoe, buckles or eyelets must be black. Trainers or canvas style pumps are not permitted. Fashion shoes, such as 'Vans' should not be worn (as shown on our website). Canvas shoes should not be worn at all. Please refer to our website when buying any future shoes, this should give clarity.

A second area that is worth clarification is around skirts and trousers.

Plain black trousers or skirt.

Trousers must be smart school style only. Trousers must not be skin tight, hipster or legging style. Material should not be cord, denim, Cotton Jeans style and trousers should not contain cargo pockets, Jeans style rivets or logo labels (eg a red label on the back pocket)

Skirts must be pleated and no shorter than **2cm** above the knee with no fashion detailing such as pockets, patches or zips and should not cling to the body or ride up whilst walking.

Many thanks in advance for your cooperation with these details and we look forward to seeing all students in September looking smart and ready for an exciting year ahead.

Yours sincerely

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