



15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Dear Parent/Carers,

**Re: Standards letter**

As we approach the end of half term I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the support you have given both to your child and to the school. We really appreciate it.

I would also like to share the outcomes of our weekly standard checks which are carried out by your child's form tutor and remind each other of the standards we have set on uniform, attendance and punctuality as we move into half term two.

**Uniform and appearance**

We are delighted with the vast majority of our pupils who meet uniform standards. I continue to receive many positive comments from parents and other members of the community who feel that our pupils now wear the uniform with a greater sense of pride. They have been a credit to you and our school. There are four main items which I would like to highlight so that we can correct over the break, if necessary.

**1. Footwear:**

- Shoes should be plain black leather with a maximum heel height of 5cm and maximum sole thickness of 2cm (heel is measured from the ground to the welt up the back of the heel. **It is important for pupils to continue to wear suitable footwear as we approach the winter months.**
- Suede shoes are not allowed
- No coloured logo. Boots are also not allowed.

**2. Trousers/skirts:**

- Trousers or skirts must be charcoal grey, not black. Skirts should be no shorter than knee length;
- Tights and socks should be dark grey or black.

**3. Grey slippers/jumpers:**

- Grey slippers or grey V-neck jumpers are compulsory from half term two up until half term six. Grey slippers/jumpers can be purchased from school wear solutions. ASDA and M&S currently have a large number of V-neck jumpers in stock.
- Hoodie tops must not be worn with our school uniform to or from school and while in school.

**Please note:** we will give parents until **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November** to purchase the grey slip or V-neck jumper. From this date it will be an expectation to wear this item of uniform each day. It is highly likely that pupils will receive a same-day detention or an internal exclusion if uniform expectations are not met.





#### 4. Hairstyles and piercings:

- Pupils are not allowed to wear ear, nose, tongue or other piercings. If they have any visible piercings or retainers these must be removed before the school day;
- The use of a plaster to cover any of these items is also prohibited;
- Nail varnish and nail or eyelash extensions are not permitted;
- Hair should be kept neat and tidy and any hair accessories should be small;
- Extreme hairstyles e.g. unnatural colours or patterns are not allowed;
- **Hair or eyebrows should not be shaved with lines.**

Please be mindful of this expectation as pupils tend to get new hairstyles and piercings over the holidays. It is highly likely that pupils will not access any lessons and will remain in isolation until these issues are corrected.

#### Attendance & punctuality

Attendance and punctuality remain a high priority for the school and something we take very seriously. We will continue to work hard with parents to ensure that every child has good attendance and meets the school target of 96%.

Punctuality is important. Arriving late to school and to lessons is very disruptive for the teacher and other class members. It also means that late pupils miss important input from teachers. Please be aware that AM registration is at **8.30am** so it is important that pupils are in school for **8.25am**. If, for whatever reason, your child will be arriving late please call Students Services to inform them.

I appreciate your continued support and I hope you have a restful half term

Yours sincerely

Mr A Bannon  
Associate Principal