

June 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of the year we would like to take this opportunity to reiterate our uniform policy. The vast majority of our students continue to wear their uniform with pride. On behalf of the Governing body and the senior leadership team, we would like to thank you for your continued support.

As you are aware, our school trousers can only be bought from Cliffs, however we appreciate that often one style does not always suit or fit all. With this in mind we have asked Cliffs to ensure parents/carers are aware that there is a choice of appropriate trousers so that you might secure the best and most comfortable fit for your child. The school have asked that Cliffs offer any alterations to parents/carers if this helps with sizing, which can be a sensitive matter.

As students grow, skirt length changes and we have begun to see skirts which at the beginning of the year were just the right length, become too short. We have updated our policy and website to reinforce expectations that skirts should be plain, black and knee length. We have also asked Cliffs to ensure alternative lengths in skirts are available – 20” and 22”. Cliffs can also make a particular skirt longer if required. However, if the sizing of skirts is a particular problem for girls then we advise that your child should wear trousers. In the event that a student does not meet uniform standards in September they will be required to borrow freshly washed uniform from pupil support. Students will not be allowed into lessons or out at social times if they are not in the correct uniform.

When you buy shoes for your child we would request that you buy a full lace up brogue/shoe, or alternatively a sturdy black shoe that covers most of the foot that would withstand inclement weather. Silver or gold clasps/bows which often sit on the front of a ballet style shoe will not be permitted. Boots are not permissible; this includes the heavy work boot look that some of our boys want to wear. Unless there is a genuine medical reason trainers will not be allowed. We will be stocking a large selection of school shoes which your child will be required to change into should they not bring the correct footwear.

We would like to take the opportunity to ask that you ensure your child has an appropriate school coat. Body warmers and hoodies are not allowed and will be treated as a uniform breach. Some students appear to arrive at school without any outdoor wear which can mean that they can be sat in wet clothing during lessons. Similarly, whilst waiting for the buses at the end of the day some children appear very cold which I am sure we all would wish to avoid. Students have the choice of a rucksack or sports bag, as long as it meets certain criteria; bags must be zipped to prevent rain damaging their books and equipment; bags must be capable of fitting all necessary school equipment and books



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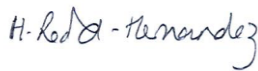
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(including two A4 folders); bags must be of a single, muted colour to include black, navy, grey, and brown.

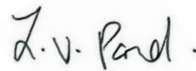
To ensure an even greater orderly start and finish to the school day we have increased staff presence at the front of the school building. Unfortunately some people inappropriately use the turning circle outside school to collect their child. We ask that parents/carers do not park in the turning circle outside school to pick up their child. Students no longer are allowed to cross over that area, due to health and safety protocols, so it would be advisable for parents to park on the main road if 'picking up' is essential.

Thank you once again for your support, by working together we can continue to support your child to reach their full potential.

Yours sincerely



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