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Dear Parents and Carers

Warm weather advice and uniform reminders

We have been experiencing warmer weather and would also like to remind parents of the rules and expectations with regards to water in school.

Water

It is important that we all keep hydrated when the temperatures increase. Can you please ensure that you are sending your child to school with water and a water bottle. We have always allowed pupils to drink water during lessons and this has remained unchanged. During break and lunch times, students can refill their water bottles in the canteen or at one of the water fountains which are located around the building. Please remind your child that they should not be asking to leave lessons to fill up their water bottles, this should be done at break and lunchtimes in order to not disrupt the flow of the lesson.

Water fights and water guns/pistols

Students are not permitted to have water fights. I would also like to remind you that water guns/pistols are banned items and students should not bring them into school. Students caught throwing water or being in the possession of a banned item will be sanctioned accordingly.

We also felt it was important to write to you with regards to the above so that both parents and students are aware of the school expectations. Whilst most pupils are adhering to the school uniform policy, we are noticing that in some areas, uniform is slipping in standards and therefore we are taking the time to remind parents of the expectations.

Uniform

Skirts

Students are permitted to wear skirts to school. The expectation is that the skirt is knee length. We are noticing that several skirts are being worn considerably above the knee and students should ensure that their skirts are not rolled up or shortened when they are coming to school. Students not adhering to this expectation will be appropriately sanctioned.

Blazers

Blazers are compulsory school uniform. The school jumper is not compulsory and if students are feeling hot, then they should remove their jumpers or not wear them to school in the first instance. During the warm weather, students are allowed to take off their blazers during lesson times in the

classrooms and when they are outside during break or lunchtimes. When students move from one lesson to the other and are inside the building, the expectation is that they wear their blazers.

Piercings

Facial piercings are not allowed. The uniform rules have always been that one pair of stud earrings is allowed only. Please ensure that any form of nose piercing or multiple earrings are removed before your child attends school. If they are wearing these items, then they will be confiscated.

School bags

All students are expected to bring a school bag each day which contains their equipment. The minimum expected equipment is a pen, pencil, planner, ruler, and any specialised equipment that they need that day such as a PE kit or a calculator.

We look forward to your support in these matters.

Kind regards

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