Dear Parent/Carer



Uniform Matters!

As the year draws to an end I wanted to take this opportunity to remind all students and parents of our expectations regarding uniform. It is the responsibility of all parents and carers to ensure that, as members of Springfield School, students are dressed according to these clear expectations.

Thank you to the majority of students and parents who do take the time and make the effort to follow our expectations and look smart and 'ready to learn' each day. You represent your school and your family well and show that you care about the school community to which you belong.

The following are reminders (taken directly from our published uniform guidelines) about areas which have caused particular concern this year for some students:

- 1. Shoes plain black; no trainers, canvas shoes, high heels (2" maximum), open toes/sling-backs or platform shoes. **Boots are not acceptable**
- 2. Jewellery a watch and one pair of plain stud earrings are the only items of jewellery permitted. Studs that enlarge the pieced hole in the ear are not permitted. Other jewellery worn will be confiscated. Further visible body-piercings are not acceptable
- 3. Discreet make-up may be worn. No pupils may wear nail varnish, false nails or false eyelashes
- 4. Skirts plain black as directed, reaching the knees or longer. **Tight, stretch fabric or jersey skirts are not acceptable.** Please avoid layers, frills, embroidery or very flimsy fabric. Culottes may not be worn
- 5. Trousers smart, full-length, plain black as directed. **No jeans or jeans style trousers with back pockets and studs,** cords, tracksuit bottoms, leggings or cotton jersey fabric. Wide fashion belts are not suitable for school. Trousers should be regular fit

Please note that the remainder of the uniform guidelines <u>remain unchanged</u> and are published on our website under 'School Life' and 'Uniform'.

Our incorrect uniform procedure (also published on our website) can be summarised as follows:

- 1. Students will be challenged if they have incorrect uniform and they will be asked to make an immediate correction if possible (e.g. remove make-up/jewellery).
- 2. When immediate correction is not possible a student may be sent home to change (subject to parental consent at the time). If this is not possible students will have a 24 hour period to correct the item i.e. should be correct the following school day
- 3. <u>Refusal to comply</u> with our uniform expectations will be treated as defiance and <u>will lead to internal</u> isolation until the item(s) are rectified

As you plan for next academic year and make uniform purchases please ensure that you check the guidelines and support us in ensuring that all our students are dressed correctly, smart and 'ready to learn'. Please avoid items like expensive acrylic nails (save them for the holidays) and piercings (other than a stud in each ear). All form tutors and year office teams will continue to carry out daily uniform checks to ensure a fair and consistent approach. If you have any questions about our expectations please do not hesitate to contact your son or daughter's form tutor or year office team at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely

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