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Dear Parents / Carers,

I would like to remind all parents of the importance of upholding the correct standards of uniform and the way in which pupil's in the academy present themselves.

Please be advised that jumpers, hoodies and tracksuit tops are not allowed in school as they are not a substitute for an appropriate coat or jacket and they present the temptation to wear them over the top of the correct uniform.

If a pupil is seen wearing such an item on school grounds, we will ask to confiscate the item and return it directly to yourself. This includes outside in the playground areas.

Pupils are expected to wear the correct uniform at all times, however, unfortunately we have noticed an increase of late where this is not the case, in particular with regards to trainers and school trousers.

We do appreciate that sometimes it can be difficult to replace an item immediately, however if this is the case, we ask that you contact the school and discuss this directly with us. It may be possible that we can provide you with assistance to correct the issue until it is convenient for you to do so.

I would also like to remind you of our standards in relation to piercings. The only form of piercing that is permitted is an ear pierce and even then, only an appropriate stud may be worn. Nose, tongue or any form of body piercing will not be permitted and pupils will be instructed to remove them.

Acrylic nails or excessively long finger nails are not permitted in school as they present a safety risk.

Excessive make-up is not permitted and students should keep any make-up to an absolute minimum. Likewise, only 'natural' hair colours are allowed.

The standards that we uphold are important in setting the right tone and reputation for the school. I therefore appreciate your support and understanding in upholding these standards.

Also, chewing gum is not permitted in school at any time. Please support us in ensuring that your child does not bring or consume chewing gum on the premises.

Equally, high-sugar fizzy drinks and all energy drinks are not permitted to be consumed on the premises. Please ensure that your son/daughter does not bring such drinks to school as they will be confiscated and not returned.

Finally, I would like to bring to your attention the concerns we have with a number of students who do not have appropriate sleep patterns for a young person of their age. Many students openly admit to staying up exceptionally late, beyond the bed-time of their parents and engaging in computer games and social media. Please take care to ensure that your child is getting sufficient sleep and my advice would be to closely monitor the time they spend on consoles and online. All evidence demonstrates the adverse effects that a lack of sleep and excessive screen time has on their development and on their education. In most instances, the pupils admit that their parents are not aware that they are doing this.

I would like to thank you for your ongoing support as we work together to give your child the best opportunities possible.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K. Rowlands', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

K. Rowlands
Headteacher