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Dear Parents / Carers,

It would be fair to reflect as we move into the second term of this academic year, that there are many aspects of school life that have improved significantly since September 2019. This includes the introduction of vertical tutoring; the implementation of academic reviews; the appointment of a number of new and talented teaching staff; and the introduction of a new lunch time system that helps to create a calm and purposeful lunchtime for all staff and students at the academy.

However, as the school year moves into its second term, 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. In addition, students' respectful attitudes and conduct towards staff are of paramount importance in helping to ensure our students are prepared for life after school and that they are encouraged to be polite and respectful citizens in the community and work environment.

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.

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.

With effect from Monday 13th January, students that arrive in school not adhering to these standards will be isolated from the main school until the issues are rectified. I am writing to you in advance of this date to provide you with a reasonable period of time to make any necessary provisions or changes.

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 expectations.

I would also like to remind you that 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.

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

Yours sincerely,

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

K Rowlands
Headteacher