

March 2022

Dear Parent/Carer

As we start of this new half term after receiving the new government guidance which feels like we are getting somewhere back to 'normal' (living with COVID), I would like to take the opportunity to review a few points in regards to changes that we made to our uniform policy in the winter months.

Guidance on COVID19 required all schools to increase ventilation in classrooms, as such, it has been necessary to keep windows and doors open whenever possible in lessons. During the winter, with the cold weather we experienced, we permitted pupils to wear their coats during the lesson and inside the building, in addition to having their full uniform on underneath.

However, now that we are entering Spring Term 2, and an increasingly warmer period of the year; from **Monday 14th March 2022, pupils will no longer be permitted to wear coats in lessons or inside the building.** The aim of this initiative is for our pupils to get back to the high standards of personal presentation and good uniform we had before the pandemic. We will of course adjust this change as we enter the winter months next academic year 2022-23 as required.

Our uniform requirements are clear and outlined in full on our website. When pupils arrive in incorrect uniform (for example in jeans, or in non-uniform skirts) we will endeavour to lend them freshly laundered items from a small range that we keep in stock. If a pupil refuses to wear the uniform provided they will either have to return home to get changed or spend time in Supervision until a parent/carer brings the correct clothing into school.

If you feel there may be financial difficulties in meeting our uniform requirements then please contact me to discuss the matter in confidence.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Humayun Rashid

Senior Vice Principal