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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing in request of your support on a number of matters.

As always, we try to maintain high standards at the school. This includes ensuring that our students wear the correct uniform, the vast majority do and they look very smart. All tutor rooms have the uniform list which clarifies our expectations. It was issued to families in the Summer term, but in case it has been filed away I enclose a second copy for your information.

Since half term, in order to be fair to all students, the tutors have issued reminders about what to wear and given clarification where there were questions. It may be helpful to you to clarify a couple of points:

1. Only black, sensible, low-heeled shoes should be worn, **Canvas, pump-type footwear and trainers are not acceptable.**
2. On Health and Safety grounds no facial piercing is acceptable in school.
3. Wide, decorative belts are not part of uniform. A standard thin belt that fits through normal trouser loops is acceptable.
4. Students may wear only the Trutex sweatshirt with the school logo on. Cardigans or other jumpers are not accepted.
5. Coats should not be worn in the building and must be removed on entrance to the school building.
6. Plain grey/black socks are acceptable. Please avoid stripes, dots or colourful socks.

We realise that teenagers may try to "interpret" the uniform in different ways and persuade parents that their variation is "OK" as "lots of other people wear them/it". However we feel if we are all clear on the uniform then a possible cause of conflict in school or at home could be resolved.

We would wish to reinforce our expectations with a number of simple sanctions. If students are in non-uniform their lunchtime freedom will be removed for half an hour in the first instance. Students who continue to wear non-uniform will be required to attend after school detention. If the situation continues, parents will be invited into school to discuss any issues. Thank you in advance for your continuing support in this area

May I draw your attention to another matter – that of safety on the car and bus park. We have had an increase in the number of parents collecting students by car. A plea – if it is at all possible to share lifts, or for students to walk home, would you consider it to reduce the number of cars coming on site.

Parking – please avoid parking on the designated bus turning and parking area. Please only park beyond the barrier in the allotted spaces. It is very dangerous if buses have to reverse or manoeuvre on the bus park to realign for exit.

Finally, use of mobile phones – unlike many other schools we do allow students to carry mobiles. They can be vital in a rural setting with potential transport issues. However, we do ask that they should be switched off (not on "silent") during lesson times. Should you need to contact your son/daughter during the school day please contact the school office where messages can be conveyed. Similarly, we do ask students who feel unwell not to contact you directly but to report their concerns to us in the first instance. We will, of course, then contact you direct if necessary.

My apologies for the length of this letter and thank you for taking time to read it. I hope this is helpful and that we can continue to work in partnership in supporting the learning and progress of your sons and daughters. With best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Lunt  
Headteacher