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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are enjoying the summer holidays. With the new term fast approaching, I would like to remind you of the following points to help ensure a smooth and positive start to the new academic year.

Mobile Phones

From **1 September**, Church Stretton school will be a **no-mobile-phone environment**. Wherever possible, students should leave their mobile phones at home.

If a student needs to bring a mobile phone to school, it must be handed in to their tutor first thing in the morning and will be returned to them at the end of the school day. Please ensure that your child's phone is **clearly labelled with their name** before they return to school.

Equipment

Students should return to school equipped and ready to learn. They should have a pencil case each day which should have pens for writing (blue or black), a pencil, a ruler, a rubber and a sharpener.

School Uniform

We would also like to remind parents and carers of the following uniform expectations:

- **Leggings** are not part of the school uniform and should not be worn to school.
- **School shoes** should be non-branded (for example, not Nike or Adidas) and made from a polishable material so that they can be kept clean. Shoes must not be slip-ons or boots.
- **School bags** must be backpack-style bags. Handbags and shoulder bags are not permitted.

I have re-attached the Uniform Shopping Guide, which was shared during the summer term, to support you with the purchase of any additional school uniform items that may be needed before September.

Hair, Nails and Piercings

Please ensure that your child returns to school with **hair of a natural colour and no extreme hairstyles**.

Any **false nails** should be removed before returning to school.

Any **nose piercings** must also be removed or replaced with a **clear plastic retainer** for school.

Thank you, as always, for your support in helping us to maintain our school expectations. We want to ensure that students can begin the new academic year positively and that unnecessary conflict regarding uniform, appearance or mobile phones is avoided.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all of our students back to Church Stretton school for the start of the new academic year.

Kind regards

Mr M Longhurst

Uniform guidance when shopping:

The uniform policy is available on the website for further reference, but please see the additional guidance below to help you when purchasing items of uniform:

School polo and Jumper (and optional fleece):



Skirts – standard black pleat or box pleat skirt. To be worn below the mid-point of the thigh.



Straight pencil skirts or skirts made from stretchy material are not permitted.

Trousers – should be formal, plain black, full length and either regular, tailored or bootcut style.



Jeans, tracksuit bottoms, cropped trousers, chinos, leggings, or skinny fit trousers are not permitted.

Shorts – Black tailored shorts to the knee (no external pockets)



Shoes – plain black **polishable** leather or simulated leather, with fastening, low heel no branding or logo



No boots, canvas shoes or trainers or shoes with branding or a logo.

PLEASE DO NOT PURCHASE THE BELOW.



School coats – Black or Navy school coat (not to be worn inside the school building).



Hoodies should not be worn on the school site.

School bags should be a backpack style that can be carried on two shoulders, not a shoulder or handbag.

