



# Bishop Rawstorne Church of England Academy



July 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

We are hopeful that following the summer holidays our school will return to being a more normal educational environment, compared to how it has been over the past 18 months. The 'bubbling' in school, and increased health and safety procedures have meant that in some cases our high standards have had to take a back seat, but as we look ahead to the new academic year we hope to start afresh, and as such now is a good time to clarify our stance on a few issues.

Uniform should be smart with all items clearly marked. If students are unable to wear the uniform for any reason, the school must be notified in writing by the parents with a supporting medical note. Under no circumstances will we tolerate clothing which is not in line with our dress code. The highest standards of uniform should be adhered to enroute to and from school.

For health and safety reasons, no jewellery is allowed. A cross may be worn if tucked into a shirt and a basic wristwatch (no smart watches). No make-up, false tan, false nails, false eyelashes, nail varnish or body piercings are allowed.

No extreme hairstyles, or colourings should be worn. If parents are unsure, we strongly advise you to contact the group tutor in the first instance. Any contravention of the school hair policy will lead to loss of break and lunchtimes, and potentially after school sanctions. Students must ensure that hair is of one natural colour at all times. Hair should have no bright or extreme colourings. Long hair should be tied back or away from the face at all times (both boys and girls). No shavings, etchings or extreme styling including perms on top and shaved heads beneath, will be tolerated and hair must be no shorter than a Grade 2. No fades to zero please.

Outdoor coats should be plain navy blue or black only; no fur jackets, sweatshirts, denim jackets, hooded tops, band jackets, tracksuit tops or any other 'fashion' coats are allowed as outdoor coats. Understated scarves can be worn during inclement weather, but like coats, should not be worn inside the school buildings.

Shoes should be black and in a traditional style with low flat heels. No boots, trainers or 'trainer style', pump style, suede or canvas material are permitted. Black laces if lace-ups. No logos/colour flashes, therefore brands such as Vans, Converse, Nike and such like are also not permitted. If you are unsure on the suitability of a shoe, please feel free to contact school before purchasing or alternatively you can see pictures of suitable footwear on the school website.

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It is our policy to maintain a high standard of dress. Students not wearing full uniform will be offered spare items from school if available. If not available, students will be placed in our inclusion area until the uniform issues are resolved. If parents require assistance with funding the purchase of school uniform, they should contact the relevant Head of Year.

Students that attend Bishop Rawstorne have had it made very clear that our standards on uniform are high – and that we will continue to enforce this policy rigorously. I feel that it is vital in August that all parents and students are well aware of the standards that we expect of our students. Bishop Rawstorne prides itself on being a high achieving establishment, with students that are outstanding in appearance, as well as academic success. With your support in these areas, I know we can all have a successful start to the new academic year.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Duckworth', written in a cursive style.

Mr A Duckworth  
Assistant Headteacher, Pastoral