



## Kirkburton Middle School

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Dear Parent/Carer

We hope you are well and you've had a good Christmas period. It has been lovely to welcome the children back into school again this week and we have been very pleased with the return to school. Pupils have returned refreshed and, in the main, with a real enthusiasm to learn. Long may this continue!

### School uniform

Can we thank you for your continued support in relation to upholding our high expectations for standards of school uniform. We are proud of our school and expect all pupils to wear their KMS uniform with pride. Where we have concerns regarding uniform, your child's form tutor will contact you in the first instance to discuss this with you. If you need any support with school uniform, please contact Miss Smith who will be only too pleased to help.

To read more about our uniform expectations please see page 23 in your child's planner or the [Uniform Expectations](#) page of the school website. This information is also shared with both pupils and parents regularly via letters newsletters and assemblies.

### Nose Piercings

Our school policy states –

**Jewellery and fashion accessories** – Jewellery often presents a health and safety risk in school. Therefore, all jewellery must be able to be removed as this will be necessary in certain lessons where there is a particular issue. All jewellery must be plain and discreet. The only acceptable jewellery is a watch and one small stud per ear (no bigger than the end of a pencil). No stretchers. Earrings should only be worn in the earlobe. **No other body/facial piercing is permitted.**

We have recently had a small number of pupils who have arrived to school wearing a nose stud. The wearing of a nose stud is not permitted at KMS due to potential health and safety issues. This includes any new piercings, regardless of healing time. Clear or flesh coloured nose studs are not allowed as an alternative.

**If a pupil is wearing a nose stud, they will be asked to remove it and it will be kept in the office until the end of the day. Refusal to follow this reasonable instruction and comply**

**with our rules, will result in sanctions being issued and could include removal from lessons.**

By sending your child to the KMS you are agreeing to adhere to our published policies and we hope you will support us to address this issue by not allowing your child to wear a nose piercing to school.

### **Equipment**

Having the correct equipment is very important in helping to ensure that lessons run smoothly and is part of our KMS Way and Expectations. We reminded pupils last week about the equipment they need for lessons, and we will give them this week to ensure that they have all the necessary equipment for each lesson. Details of equipment can be found in the school planner on page 25. From Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will reward pupils who have the correct equipment and will put sanctions in place for those pupils who are not equipped each lesson. Equipment can be purchased via ParentPay and delivered to your child in school. If you need any support with equipment or ParentPay, please contact the school office.

### **Winter weather**

We are keeping a close eye on the weather and will write again early next week with a reminder about our winter weather plans should the need arise.

Thank you as always for all your ongoing support and we hope you had a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs S Kerr

Head of School



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Executive Headteacher